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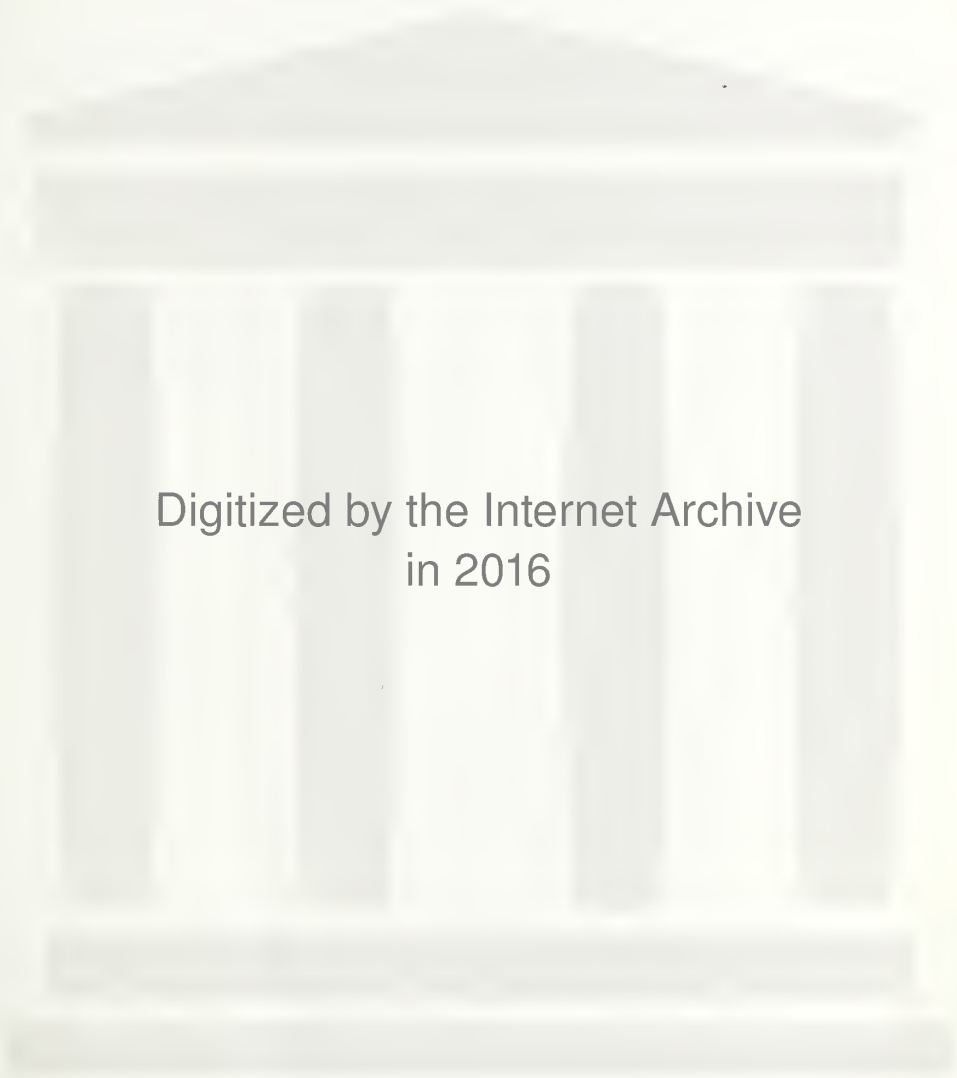

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PREFACE.

OUT of the depths of his mature wisdom Carlyle wrote, "History is the essence of innumerable biographies." Believing this to be the fact, there is no necessity of advancing any further reason for the compilation of such a work as this, if reliable history is to be the ultimate object.

SURNAME FILE

Champaign County, Ohio, has sustained within its confines men who have been prominent in public affairs and great industrial enterprises for almost a century. The annals teem with the records of strong and noble manhood, and, as Sumner has said, "the true grandeur of nations is in those qualities which constitute the greatness of the individual." The final causes which shape the fortunes of individuals and the destinies of States are often the same. They are usually remote and obscure, and their influence scarcely perceived until manifestly declared by results. That nation is the greatest which produces the greatest and most manly men and faithful women; and the intrinsic safety of a community depends not so much upon methods as upon that normal development from the deep resources of which proceeds all that is precious and permanent in life. But such a result may not consciously be contemplated by the actors in the great social drama. Pursuing each his personal good by exalted means, they work out as a logical result.

The elements of success in life consist in both innate capacity and determination to excel. Where either is wanting, failure is almost

certain in the outcome. The study of a successful life, therefore, serves both as a source of information and as a stimulus and encouragement to those who have the capacity. As an important lesson in this connection we may appropriately quote Longfellow, who said: "We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while we judge others by what they have already done." A faithful personal history is an illustration of the truth of this observation.

In this biographical history the editorial staff, as well as the publishers, have fully realized the magnitude of the task. In the collection of the material there has been a constant aim to discriminate carefully in regard to the selection of subjects. Those who have been prominent factors in the public, social and industrial development of the county have been given due recognition as far as it has been possible to secure the requisite data. Names worthy of perpetuation here, it is true, have in several instances been omitted, either on account of the apathy of those concerned or the inability of the compilers to secure the information necessary for a symmetrical sketch; but even more pains have been taken to secure accuracy than were promised in the prospectus. Works of this nature, therefore, are more reliable and complete than are the "standard" histories of a country.

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EDWARD P. FYFFE.

Edward P. Fyffe was born in Urbana, April 23, 1810, and was a son of William H. and Maximilla (Petty) Fyffe. The father was a native of Virginia and emigrated to Kentucky, whence he afterward came to Urbana in 1805. Here he was married to a daughter of Joseph Petty, one of the first settlers of the city.

In the early schools of Urbana, Colonel Fyffe acquired his preliminary education and was later a cadet at West Point for a short time. In 1846 he was graduated in medicine and was engaged in practice at the time the Civil war was inaugurated. He served with distinction, rose to the rank of colonel and was brevetted brigadier-general.

Dr. Fyffe was united in marriage to Sarah Ann Robinson, a native of Franklin county, Ohio, but a resident of Urbana at the time of her marriage. They became the parents of four children, who reached years of maturity: Joseph; Max F., the widow of Frank James Crawford; Mrs. Mary F. Thornton, of Pontiac, Illinois; and Mrs. Sarah A. Gee, of Cleveland, Ohio.

In his political views Colonel Fyffe was a Republican, strongly endorsing the principles of the party and both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He died September 25, 1867, and Mrs. Fyffe survived him for five years. During the Civil war he was a most brave and loyal officer and his utter fearlessness in the face of danger often inspired his men to deeds of valor. In his chosen profession he won distinction by the superior skill and ability which he acquired as the result of his study and investigation, as well as practical experience. In the first half of the nineteenth century he was a prominent figure in social and professional life of Urbana and well does he deserve mention in her history.

REAR ADMIRAL JOSEPH FYFFE.

The history of the American naval service contains a record of no greater loyalty, valor and capability than that of Rear Admiral Joseph Fyffe, who devoted the long years of his manhood to his country's service. He was born July 26, 1832. His father, General Edward P. Fyffe, is mentioned above and his record as a brave and loyal defender of the Union was a stimulus to the son. When he was fifteen years of age, however, Joseph Fyffe was appointed to the navy on the 9th of September, 1847, being in active service for over forty-seven years, and was then retired at the age limit of sixty-two years in July, 1894. His first duty was on the Cumberland and afterward on the bomb vessel Stromboli in the Gulf of Mexico. He saw active service in the Mexican war, although not yet sixteen years of age. The following year he was ordered on duty off the coast of Africa on the sloop-of-war Yorktown, and was serving on her when she was wrecked off the Cape Verde Islands.

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Later he was highly commended for his gallant conduct on that occasion. His third cruise was in the frigate St. Lawrence, which was sent to England to represent the United States at the time of the World's Fair in London. Subsequently he returned to the Naval Academy at Annapolis for one year, and on the 15th of July, 1854, was promoted to the rank of passed midshipman. In 1855 he made a special cruise in the San Jacinto. In 1856 he volunteered for and was detailed on the Grinnell expedition to the Arctic regions under Lieutenant Hartstine on the ship Release, in search of Sir John Franklin, rescuing and bringing home Dr. Kane and his party while on that trip. For his services in this expedition the queen of England decorated him with the medal of the Arctic Order of Victoria. On his return to the United States he was commissioned master and lieutenant on the same day—September 16, 1856.

Admiral Fyffe next served on the Relief in the Brazil Squadron in 1856 and 1857, which was followed by a three-years cruise in the East India Squadron on the sloop-of-war Germantown. In 1860 he was ordered to the steam sloop Lancaster on the Pacific station and then to the frigate Minnesota, the flagship of the North Atlantic Blockading Squadron. He was commissioned lieutenant commander in July, 1862. On the Minnesota he experienced two years of active service, during which time he took part in the destruction of the blockade runner Hebe and commanded the landing party which captured the two-gun battery that protected the blockade runners near Fort Fisher, North Carolina, in August, 1863. He also took an active part in the destruction of the Ranger, another blockade runner, and was in an engagement with infantry below Fort Casewell, North Carolina, in January, 1864. In 1864-5, Admiral Fyffe commanded the double-ender gunboat Hunchback on the James river with brilliant success.

The Civil war being over, he took part in his first shore duty at the Boston yard in 1866. The next year he was ordered to the Oneida,

sailing for the Asiatic station. On the 2nd of December, 1868, he was commissioned commander and placed in command of the monitor Centaur of the North Atlantic Squadron. Later he was lighthouse inspector of the fourteenth district. He next commanded the Monocacy on the Asiatic station in 1875, continuing there until 1878 and in 1879 he was promoted to the grade of captain and commanded the receiving ship St. Louis, from which, in 1880, he was transferred to the Franklin, acting as its commander for eighteen months. Through the succeeding six months he was captain of the flagship Tennessee, of the North Atlantic Squadron, followed by service as commander of the flagship Pensacola in the Pacific station.

Admiral Fyffe was then sent home on sick leave. In 1888 he was ordered as captain to the Boston Naval Yard, remaining there for more than three years. He was promoted to the grade of commodore in February, 1889, and was assigned to special duty at Boston in 1890. During the succeeding summer he was ordered to command the New London naval station until July 13, 1893, when he took charge of the Boston Naval Yard,—his last duty ending with his retirement July 20, 1894. His name was on the navy register for forty-nine years and his active service continued for over forty-seven years, while his actual sea service covered twenty years. No more patriotic and thoroughly American officer ever sailed under the stars and stripes; no officer took better care of his men or maintained discipline with less severity. As a sailor he had few equals and no superiors. His fighting qualities were unsurpassed, as is his war record. Tender in all his sympathies, he was yet a man in dignity and strength. His strong personality impressed all who came in contact with him. Generous, kindly, chivalric and brave,—those were the qualities that drew men toward him and made them love him. His last year of duty was one of great happiness. He was endeared to every one—officers and their families, subordinates, sailors and em-

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ployes,—in fact, all connected with the Boston station, and he thoroughly delighted in the kindly feeling which all entertained for him. Then came the promotion to the rank of rear admiral—the ambition and culmination of an officer's career.

At Pierce, Nebraska, on the 25th of February, 1896, Admiral Fyffe died of acute gastroenteritis, from which he had long suffered in a chronic form, the result of fevers contracted in tropical countries during active service in earlier years. He was buried at Urbana, Ohio, his birthplace and for many years his home.

FRANK JAMES CRAWFORD.

Deeds of bravery have been the theme of song and story from the earliest days, and the world pays a tribute of respect and admiration to the man who fights for his country and his principles. One of the distinguished officers of the Civil war was Frank James Crawford, who was born in Birmingham, Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, July 12, 1834. He was educated in Alleghany College, in Meadville, Pennsylvania, where he won the degree of M. A. A short time after his graduation he engaged in teaching school in Maryland and in Pennsylvania, but predilection for the law led him to prepare for the bar. Going to La Salle county, Illinois, in 1855, he studied law in Ottawa and was admitted to practice in 1858. He then opened an office there and steadily rose to prominence. No bitter novitiate awaited him. Nature bountifully endowed him with the peculiar qualifications that combine to make a successful lawyer. Patiently persevering, possessed of an analytical mind, and one that is readily receptive and retentive of the fundamental principles and intricacies of the law; gifted with a spirit of

devotion to wearisome details; quick to comprehend the most subtle problems and logical in his conclusions; fearless in the advocacy of any cause he may espouse, and the soul of honor and integrity, few men have been more richly gifted for the achievement of success in the arduous and difficult profession of the law.

At the time of the Civil war, however, Mr. Crawford entered his country's service, enlisting as a private of Company E, Fifty-third Illinois Infantry, on the 28th of December, 1861. The same day he was appointed quartermaster sergeant of the regiment. On the second day of the battle of Pittsburg Landing, he displayed marked gallantry as well as knowledge of military tactics, and for this reason was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant. On the 10th of November, 1862, he was appointed by President Lincoln, commissary of subsistance with the rank of captain, in which position he served throughout the Tennessee and Vicksburg campaigns with marked distinction. Later he was on duty at Port Hudson, Louisiana, where he was stationed until the close of the war, having served for three years and eight months. When hostilities were ended he was brevetted major of the United States Volunteer Infantry for meritorious service in the field.

Returning to Ottawa, Illinois, in December, 1865, Mr. Crawford there resumed the practice of law, but in 1872 sought a broader field of labor in the growing metropolis of the west, and became a distinguished, prominent and honored member of the Chicago bar, where he practiced successfully, enjoying a large and distinctively representative clientage until his death, which occurred in Urbana, October 14, 1898.

Major Crawford had married in Urbana, Ohio, in 1865, the lady of his choice being Miss Max F. Fyffe, a daughter of Brigadier-General Edward P. Fyffe. She now resides in Urbana and has one daughter, Mrs. Annie Crawford Merritt, of Highland Park, Illinois.

CALVIN FLETCHER COLWELL.

When a citizen of worth and character has departed this life it is proper that those who survive him should keep in mind his life-work and hold up to the knowledge and emulation of the young his virtues and the characteristics which distinguished him and made him worthy of the esteem and confidence of his fellow men. We therefore are gratified in having the privilege of entering at this point a memoir of the representative citizen of Urbana whose name appears above. He lives in the memory and affection of his family and friends as a devoted husband, kind father and public-spirited citizen and as one whose life was one of singular beauty and nobility. He passed his entire life in Urbana and was always liberal in his contributions to aid the social, material and religious advancement of the city and county of his home, while his prominence in local business circles was through enterprises of marked importance.

Mr. Colwell was born in Urbana, Champaign county, Ohio, on the 26th of February, 1831, the son of Peter R. and Lavina (Fitch) Colwell, the former of whom was born in New Jersey, whence he came to Ohio and located in Urbana in 1815; while the latter accompanied her parents on their removal from her native state, Kentucky, to Urbana about the year 1806, so that in both the agnotic and maternal lines the subject of this memoir was identified with pioneer families of this favored section of the Buckeye state. He had such educational advantages as were afforded in the early schools of his native town, and then learned the trade of chairmaking under the direction of his father, who was here engaged in that line of enterprise for many years. Calvin F. worked at his trade up to the time of his marriage, soon after which event he became interested in the manufacturing of flooring and in the cabinet-making and furniture business, being first associated with his brother,

the late Robert Colwell, and later having other partners, while the nature of the business underwent various changes, meeting the exigencies of trade and expanding in scope and importance. Finally was effected the organization of the Colwell Lumber Company, which conducted a flourishing business for a long term of years, our subject standing at the head of the enterprise, whose affairs were guided with that discrimination and ability which marked his entire business career, in its varied avenues of usefulness. He continued to be identified with this concern until within a few months prior to his death, while for a score of years he was president of the Citizens' National Bank, in which he was the chief stockholder and to which he gave the benefit of his mature judgment and distinctive executive talent, doing much to give it its high reputation as a solid financial institution.

As has been before stated, Mr. Colwell was imbued with the deepest public spirit and was ever ready to lend his aid and influence in support of all legitimate measures advanced for the general good, and though he gave an unwavering support to the principles and policies of the Republican party, he never sought nor consented to accept the honors or emoluments of political office. His interest in the cause of Christianity was vital and unflagging and his faith was that of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was one of the charter members of Grace church, whose spiritual and temporal affairs received his devoted care and support until the close of his honorable and useful life. He held various official positions in the church, and a quarter of a century practically represents the period of his incumbency as class-leader of his church. He was a man of lofty ideals and spotless integrity, and in his death, on the 16th of June, 1900, the community in which he had passed his entire life was called upon to mourn the loss of one of its noblest and most valued citizens, while to those associated with him in the sacred

ties of the home his memory will ever rest as a benediction that follows after prayer and bespeaks true spiritual exaltation.

On the 22d of November, 1855, was solemnized a marriage which united the life destinies of Mr. Colwell and Miss Malinda M. McComsey, who survives him and who remains in the home so hallowed by the associations of the past. She was born near Mechanicsburg, Champaign county, Ohio, the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Burnside) McComsey, who were early settlers of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Colwell became the parents of two children,—Elizabeth, who died at the age of six years; and Max F., who is the wife of Frank Ross, of Chicago, Illinois.

ISAIAH P. KIZER.

Isaiah P. Kizer, a member of the firm of Kizer & Long, prominent lumber dealers of Saint Paris, is a member of a prominent old pioneer family of Champaign county. His paternal grandfather, Joseph Kizer, was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, and was there married to Catherine Comer, a daughter of David Comer also of the Old Dominion. Two children were born to them in that commonwealth, Peter and Daniel, and afterward the family started with teams and wagons for the Buckeye state, arriving about 1811, and on the journey they were accompanied by the Comer family. They took up their abode in the locality near Millerstown, where a few Virginia families had previously settled, and there Mr. Kizer entered a tract of heavily timbered government land, on which he erected a cabin and began life in true pioneer style. Five children were added to the family circle in this state,—Benjamin, Philip, Charles, Martin and Polly. The daughter became the wife of Jacob Rhoades, but the children are now all deceased.

Joseph Kizer was a representative and progressive citizen and a very prominent man in his locality. For many years he held the office of justice of the peace, and in the latter part of his life became a member of the Baptist church, dying in that faith at the age of eighty-nine years. His wife was called to her final rest when she had reached the eightieth milestone on the journey of life.

Benjamin Kizer, the father of him whose name introduces this review, was born on the old Kizer homestead near Millerstown, Champaign county, in 1813, and was there early inured to the labors of field and meadow. He was a very studious youth, and largely through his own efforts succeeded in fitting himself for the teacher's profession, proving himself an able instructor along the lines of mental advancement. On the 21st of November, 1844, he was united in marriage to Mary, a daughter of Isaac and Catherine (Wiant) Pence, and three children were born of that union,—Isaiah P., Sarah C., who married Samuel McMorran, and Ira, deceased. The wife and mother was called to the home beyond on the 2d of December, 1853, and on the 4th of February, 1855, the father married Matilda Guss, by whom he had three children,—Frank, Charles O. and Elmer Grant, but the eldest is now deceased. For twenty-one years Mr. Kizer served as a justice of the peace in Johnson township, and also held many other township offices. He was a practical and successful farmer, and at his death left to his family about three hundred acres of land. Up to the time of the Civil war he gave his political support to the Democracy, but from that time until his death voted for the men and measures of the Republican party. He was a man of deep religious convictions, and from early life a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, having been active in the organization of that denomination in Saint Paris and also in the erection of its house of worship. He filled every office within the gift of that church with

the exception of Sunday-school superintendent, and in its faith he passed away on the 6th of December, 1884, but is still survived by his widow.

Isaiah P. Kizer, of this review, supplemented the knowledge gained in the common schools by a year's course in the Wittenberg College, of Springfield, Ohio. On the 2d of May, 1864, while serving as a member of the Ohio National Guard, Governor Brough called for troops to serve one hundred days and his command was organized into the government service, becoming the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and Mr. Kizer became a member of Company I. With his regiment Mr. Kizer was on duty principally in Virginia, in the vicinity of Richmond and Petersburg, and on the expiration of his term of enlistment received an honorable discharge and returned to his home. On again taking up the duties of civil life he resumed the teacher's profession, which he followed until his marriage. On the 27th of February, 1868, he came to Saint Paris, where he embarked in the lumber business with H. H. Long, which relationship has continued through thirty-four years. For twenty years Mr. Kizer has also been a director in the First National Bank of Saint Paris. Few men have become more prominent or widely known in this enterprising little city than he. In business circles he has long been an important factor and his popularity is well deserved, for in him are embraced the characteristics of an unbending integrity, unabating energy and industry that has never flagged.

On the 14th of November, 1867, he was united in marriage to Asenath Carey, a daughter of Isaac and Rosana Carey, and six children have blessed the union, namely: Alta, now Mrs. J. E. Kite; Elma, wife of W. L. Hunt; Della, at home; and Mary, Benjamin and Grace, who have passed away. Since their early youth Mr. and Mrs. Kizer have been members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has filled all of the offices and for ten years was superintendent of the Sunday-school. He has ever been loyal to the duties of citizenship and has

given an unwavering support to the principles of the Republican party, while for nine years he served as a member of the school board and for a time was the efficient city clerk. Socially he is a member of Pharos Lodge, No. 355, F. & A. M., and of H. C. Scott Post, No. 111, G. A. R.

LEWIS BRITTIN.

Lewis Brittin is one of the pioneer farmers of Champaign county, his home being pleasantly and conveniently located a mile east of Mechanicsburg on the Milford and Mechanicsburg pike. For four score years he has been a witness of the growth and progress of this portion of the state, for he was born in Goshen township, Champaign county, May 12, 1820. His father, John Brittin, was a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania. When a young man he went to Virginia and subsequently came to Ohio, settling on the Scioto river in Ross county, nine miles south of Chillicothe. About 1804 he arrived in Champaign county and was one of the first men to take up his abode in what is now Goshen township. He settled in the midst of the green woods and built a log cabin, in which he lived in true pioneer style. The Indians in motley garb still stalked through the forests, claiming dominion over this porton of the country and wild animals were numerous, but gradually the accessories of civilization were introduced and the animals and red men were driven further westward. He was quite prominent in an early day and gave the land which was used as a burying ground. His death occurred in May, 1846. He gave his political support to the Democracy, served as a justice of the peace and was a very prominent and influential man of his day. In the Baptist church he held membership. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Parker, was of German lineage,

her parents having come from the fatherland to the new world, making a settlement in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Brittin lived to be about eighty years of age and by her marriage became the mother of three children.

Lewis Brittin is the eldest and only one now living. He was reared in Goshen township and when a boy pursued his education in an old log school house, into which light was admitted through greased paper windows. The seats were made of slabs and the floor of puncheons, and the large fireplace occupied almost one entire end of the building. It was so large that a log five feet long could be placed therein. Mr. Brittin spent about three months each year in school during a period of five years and each winter was under the instruction of a different teacher. When eleven years of age he began to plow corn and from that time forward was an active factor in the work of the fields. He remained at home, assisting in the farm work until his marriage and for one year thereafter.

It was on the 22d of March, 1840, that Mr. Brittin was united in marriage to Elizabeth Brittin, who was born in Franklin county, Ohio, ten miles northwest of Columbus, in a place called Dublin, her natal day being March 17, 1815. Her father, Benjamin Brittin, was born in Virginia and her mother, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Grace, was also a native of the Old Dominion, in which state they were married, removing thence to Franklin county about 1812. In their family were eleven children, Mrs. Brittin being the seventh in order of birth. James Smith Brittin, who resides in Columbus, is her brother. She was reared in her native township and she, too, pursued her education in a log school house. The young couple began their domestic life upon his father's farm, but after a year removed elsewhere. Soon, however, they returned to the old homestead in order to take care of the aged father and mother, with whom they lived until John Brittin and his wife passed away. Our subject and his wife are now the oldest couple

of the county, having lived together for more than sixty-two years. Four children came to bless their union, but only one is now living. Eda, a daughter married James Sceva and had one daughter, Dollie, who is the wife of Dell Gross. Margaret is the deceased wife of Jacob Chidester and they have had three children, Walter, Eda and Emma. Walter, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Brittin, married Lizzie Clark. The only surviving member is Wilson Shannon, who resides upon a farm in Goshen township and is an enterprising agriculturist. He served for three years as a Union soldier in the Civil war. He married Elizabeth Laferty and they have three children—Clark, Alice and Lewis. There are also three great-grandchildren, namely: Dorothy Guy, Brice Brittin and Isabell Brittin.

Mr. Brittin, of this review, gave his political support to the Democracy until Franklin Pierce became a candidate of the party. He then joined the ranks of the new Republican party, casting his vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860 and again in 1864. Since that time he has never failed to vote for the Republican presidential candidates with the exception of one time when he voted the Prohibition ticket. For ten years he served as township trustee, at one time was justice of the peace and in all positions of public trust has been most faithful and loyal. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Christian church. He was a member of the Methodist Protestant church for some years and burned the brick to build the first church in Mechanicsburg. He is one of the pioneer settlers of Champaign county and one of its most honored and respected men. He to-day owns a valuable farm of one hundred and eighteen acres, upon which he has long resided. He has now reached the age of eighty-two years and because of his upright, useful and honorable life, he can look back over the past without regret and forward to the future without fear.

FRANKLIN PRINTZ.

From a very early period in the history of the Buckeye state Franklin Printz has been prominently identified with this section, and now in his declining years he is practically living retired, crowned with the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded to honorable old age. His paternal grandfather, Frederick P. Printz, was born in Germany, but in a very early day he came to this country, taking up his abode in Pennsylvania. During the Revolutionary war he served for eight years as a brave and loyal soldier, and his death occurred in the Keystone state when he had reached the age of seventy years.

Daniel P. Printz, the father of him whose name introduces this review, also claimed Pennsylvania as the state of his nativity, and as a life occupation he chose that of a farmer. In 1825 he left his Pennsylvania home for Clark county, Ohio, where for three years he farmed on rented land, and then purchased a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Miami county. Later he became the owner of a farm, which is now included in the corporate limits of the city of Springfield, and there he passed away in death at the age of sixty-eight years. His life was most honorable and upright, and commanded the respect of all who knew him. For his wife Mr. Printz chose Lizzie Heaton, a native of Pennsylvania, whose parents also came to this country from the fatherland. Unto this union were born twelve children, namely: Angeline, deceased; Franklin; Elizabeth, deceased; Sarah; Daniel, deceased; Susan; Mary; John, deceased; Rebecca, deceased; Catherine, deceased; Henry; and James K.

Franklin Printz, of this review, was but five years of age when he was taken by his parents to Clark county, Ohio, and in the common schools of his locality received the educational advantages which he enjoyed in his youth. On taking up his abode in Champaign county he

located on the farm which is still his home, and as an early pioneer and successful agriculturist is well and favorably known throughout the community. He has been twice married. His first wife bore the maiden name of Catherine Gordan, and she was born in Clark county, Ohio. On the 14th of March, 1877, she was called to her final rest, leaving one son, Scott, who is now a prominent resident of Champaign county. September 4, 1879, Mr. Printz was united in marriage to Emma Brusman, a native of the city of Dayton, where she was also reared and educated, and at the age of sixteen years she accompanied her parents on their removal to Urbana. Her parents were both natives of Pennsylvania, but were among the early pioneers of Clark county, Ohio. In their family were five children, as follows: Charles, deceased; Mrs. Printz; Elda and Elizabeth, deceased; and Horace. Mr. Printz gives his political support to the Democracy, and religiously he is an active worker and leading member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Urbana.

ADAM NEER.

Adam Neer, living in Saint Paris, Champaign county, was born in Logan county, Ohio, May 7, 1843. His father, George Neer, was born in Licking county, Ohio, in 1817, and his death occurred at his home in Bellefontaine, on the 18th of November, 1901. He was of German descent, his father, Adam Neer, having been born in that country. For his wife he chose Anna Karnes, their wedding having been celebrated on the 4th of August, 1842, and she was called to the home beyond March 18, 1894. She was the eldest of eight children, six sons and two daughters, born unto Michael and Rhoda Karnes, and during her early life she lived among the Indians near Cherokee, Logan county.

ADAM NEER.

MRS. ADAM NEER.

Adam Neer, the eldest son of his parents' ten children, six daughters and four sons, received his elementary education in the district schools of Logan county and later became a student in the school in Bellefontaine, while during the summer months he assisted his father in the work of the farm. In early life he evinced a talent for mechanics, and as he grew in stature and years his bent in that direction was correspondingly developed and when yet in his "'teens" he conceived a number of original mechanical ideas which later on took practical and definite form. On the 30th of April, 1867, he was granted a patent on a dumping device for unloading wagons, and with this he traveled for a number of years, selling territorial rights. In 1872 he was allowed a patent on a pitman connection for reapers and mowers, a device of unquestionable merit, and in 1882 he perfected and had patented an anti-rattling buggy coupling. On the 7th of June, 1898, he was allowed a patent on a corn harvester, a machine which easily takes precedence over any other of its kind in use. It is of one-horse draft, cuts two rows at a time and with it two men can easily cut and set up two hundred shocks in a day. It works equally well in large or small corn, and Mr. Neer has testimonials from farmers over the entire country who speak in words of highest praise of this invention. In 1897 he arranged with a manufacturing company to introduce his machine on a royalty contract, but this company succeeded in defrauding him of the royalty on several hundred machines, they having put out the harvesters under their own name and rendered no account whatever to Mr. Neer. In December, 1901, he brought suit against this company under the original contract, and although he was successful in the suit he only obtained a settlement for fourteen machines, and now has a suit pending in the federal court for forty thousand dollars damages against H. L. Bennett & Company, one-half of which is in favor of the United States for violation of the patent laws.

After his marriage, in 1873, Mr. Neer moved to a farm three miles east of Saint Paris, but in 1877 sold this place to George W. Kite and purchased a tract of fifty acres just west of his first farm, purchasing the land of William Kite. Disposing of this farm to Simon Snapp in the spring of 1880, he bought ninety-five and a quarter acres two miles southwest of Bellefontaine, on which he took up his abode on the 1st of March of that year. On the 16th of August, 1883, he again disposed of his possessions, after which he bought sixty-five acres of land three and a half miles southeast of Saint Paris, purchasing the property of his father-in-law, William Kite, and on which he erected an attractive and commodious residence in 1884, while later, in 1888, he further improved the place by building a substantial barn. In the spring of 1887, however, he left his farm and moved to Urbana, where for a short time he was engaged in the restaurant business, but again desiring to take up the quiet duties of the farm he disposed of his restaurant and returned to his country home. From August, 1893, until the 1st of November, 1893, he was employed by the Milsom Rendering and Fertilizer Company, of Buffalo, New York, whom he represented in western Ohio and Indiana, his work being to establish agencies and to look after collections. On the 10th of February, 1896, he removed to Saint Paris, where he is now living. Mr. Neer is now extensively engaged in the manufacture of the corn harvester in the Neer Manufacturing Company, of Saint Paris, Ohio, of which G. P. Shidler is president; A. C. Brow, secretary; Grant McMorran, treasurer, and Adam Neer, superintendent and general manager.

On the 1st of October, 1873, Mr. Neer was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Kite, a daughter of William and Catherine Kite, who reside in Champaign county. Unto this union three children have been born, two sons and a daughter. Warren, the eldest son, was born July 6, 1875, and now resides on his father's farm southeast of Saint Paris.

He was married to Miss Anna Wiant, and they have one daughter, Lois. Catherine was born November 28, 1880, and William Alonzo was born March 10, 1885. In his social relations Mr. Neer is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Lodge No. 344, of Saint Paris, and is also a charter member of the United Commercial Travelers, Urbana Council No. 139, in which he is junior counsellor. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democracy, has held the office of road supervisor of Mad River township, Champaign county, and while residing in Logan county was a member of the school board. His religious preference is indicated by his membership in the Myrtle Tree Baptist church.

JOSEPH COFFEY.

Joseph Coffey, who carries on agricultural pursuits in Goshen township, was born in this township on the 11th of November, 1838. His father, Tatom Coffey, was a native of Pennsylvania, born in Lancaster county, whence he came with his parents to Ohio, settling in Clark county. After the family located there a daughter—a sister of Tatom Coffey—was born, being the first white child born in Pleasant township. The grandfather of our subject was Joseph Coffey, an honored pioneer settler of Clark county, who developed a farm there in the midst of the forest. It was upon that place that Tatom Coffey was reared, and in 1821 he came to Champaign county, locating in Goshen township, where he spent his remaining days, passing away at the age of seventy-seven. In politics he was a Whig and a stanch Republican, becoming identified with the latter party after the dissolution of the former. In religious faith he was a Baptist and took an active and helpful interest

in the work of the church to which he belonged. He married Rebecca Roberts, who was born in Clark county, Ohio, where her parents had located in pioneer times, her father being William Roberts. Mrs. Coffey died in 1842. She had become the mother of eight children, six sons and two daughters, of whom seven reached mature years, while five of the number were married.

Joseph Coffey was the youngest and was only five years of age at the time of his mother's death. He remained with his father, however, until the fall of 1861, when, prompted by a spirit of patriotism, he responded to his country's call for aid, enlisting in Company I, Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as a private. He was promoted to the rank of corporal, however, and served for three years, two months and eight days, participating in fifteen of the most hotly contested battles of the war, including Port Republic, Cedar Mountain, Antietam, Gettysburg, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Ringgold, Kenesaw Mountain and the siege of Atlanta. He also went with Sherman in the celebrated march to the sea, and received an honorable discharge at Savannah, Georgia, December 22, 1864, returning to his home with a most creditable military record.

Mr. Coffey then resumed farming upon the old homestead, where he remained until his marriage, which important event in his life occurred in 1865, the lady of his choice being Lydia A. Moody, a daughter of Moses and Maria (Guy) Moody. She was born in Madison county, Ohio, and there remained until twelve years of age, when she came to Champaign county with her parents. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Coffey have been born seven children: William S., born January 3, 1866; John V., born August 2, 1867; Guy U., born July 17, 1869; Sarah E., born September 12, 1873; Martha A., born August 21, 1877; Mary E., born November 17, 1881; and Joseph M., born September 17, 1885. Of this number Mary E. died on the 27th of August, 1896.

After his marriage Mr. Coffey remained on the old family homestead for about four years and then located on a claim in Goshen township, but after a year took up his abode on another farm, which was his home for two years. He next removed to a place east of Mechanicsburg, where he continued for four years and then settled upon the farm which is yet his place of residence. He here owns one hundred and seventy acres of well improved land, upon which is a pleasant dwelling, which he erected in 1894. He carried on general farming until within recent years, but is now largely living retired. He belongs to Baxter Post, No. 88, G. A. R., and is a stanch Republican in politics.

SAMUEL K. SOWERS.

In section 12, Mad River township, is found one of the fine farmsteads for which Champaign county is justly celebrated, and this is the property of Mr. Sowers, who is known as one of the progressive agriculturists and representative citizens of this section of the state.

Samuel Kosier Sowers claims the old Keystone state as the place of his nativity, having been born in Perry county, Pennsylvania, near the city of Harrisburg, on the 28th of November, 1834. His father, Henry Sowers, was born in Maryland and was about six months of age when his parents removed thence to Perry county, Pennsylvania, where he was reared to maturity. He became a potter by trade, but devoted the greater portion of his life to agricultural pursuits, continuing his residence in Pennsylvania until his death, at the age of four score years. He was a son of William Sowers, who likewise was born in Maryland, whence he removed to Pennsylvania in 1804, being a farmer by occupation, and there he and his wife, who was also born

in Maryland, of German lineage, continued to make their home until their life labors were ended in death. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Elizabeth Kosier, and she was born in York county, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Jacob Kosier, who was born in Adams county, that state, of German descent. Mrs. Elizabeth (Kosier) Sowers died in her eighty-second year, having passed her entire life in the Keystone state. Her two sons and three daughters all grew to years of maturity, and of them we give the following epitomized record: Isabel is the wife of George Bernheisel, of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania; Samuel K. is the immediate subject of this review; Jacob is a resident of Perry county, Pennsylvania, as is also Amanda, who has never married; and Mary Ann is deceased.

Samuel K. Sowers was reared in his native county and there received a common-school education, attending the district schools during the winter months and assisting in the work of the farm during the summer seasons. At the age of nineteen he gave inception to his independent career by securing employment in a gristmill, and he was thus engaged for a period of about three years, after which he secured a clerkship in a mercantile establishment at Oxford, Pennsylvania, where he remained about one year. In the spring of 1859 he came to Champaign county and became a clerk in the general merchandise establishment of Jacob Aulabaugh in Westville, being thus employed about a year, when he entered into partnership with his employer, the association continuing about two years, at the expiration of which time, in 1861, Mr. Sowers was married, and soon afterward located on his present farm, where he has ever since maintained his home, having been energetic, progressive and far-sighted in his methods and having attained a high degree of success in his farming and stock-raising, while the improvements on his place are those characteristic of a model farm of the twentieth century epoch. Mr. Sowers has a fine farm of one

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hundred and sixty-eight acres, and he carries on diversified farming and also raises a high grade of cattle, horses and swine. In politics he has ever given a stanch allegiance to the Democratic party, and served as treasurer of Mad River township for one term, having been elected to this office for two terms and having given a most capable and economical administration of the fiscal affairs of the township. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in Urbana, and is one of the substantial and popular men of the county.

On the 12th of December, 1861, Mr. Sowers was united in marriage to Miss Eunice E. Blose, who was born in Mad River township on the 28th of July, 1841, being the daughter of Daniel and Susan (Pence) Blose. Her father was an infant of about six weeks when his parents came to Mad River township, from Virginia, and located in the forest wilds of the early pioneer days, and here he was reared to maturity and passed the remainder of his life. Susan (Pence) Blose was born in Mad River township, whence her parents came from Virginia and became numbered among the early settlers in this township, which was then practically a virgin forest, while the Indians far outnumbered the white settlers in the locality. She became the mother of four children, of whom Mrs. Sowers was the third in order of birth and about three years of age at the time of her mother's death. Mr. Blose subsequently married Miss Louisa Colbert, and they became the parents of eight children. Mrs. Sowers was reared in this county, attending the district schools in her childhood and completed her educational discipline in the Urbana Seminary. Mr. and Mrs. Sowers have had five children, and of them we here enter brief record, in order of birth: Lillie V. is the wife of Andrew J. Broyles, a merchant of Westville, this county, and they have five children,—Jean S., Lucy M., Homer D., Eunice and Elizabeth; Daniel H. Sowers (who has one son, David D.), who is a representative member of the bar of Columbus, married

Elizabeth Deshler, a daughter of William G. Deshler, a prominent business man of that city; Mary L. is the wife of Edward Taylor and the mother of three children, Helen M., deceased, Harry O. and Edgar S. Mr. Taylor is a successful farmer of this township and the son of Simeon Taylor, of whom mention is made on another page; John K., who is not married, is engaged in the lumber business in Columbus; and Emory, who is a graduate of the Ohio State University, at Columbus, is a scientific electrician and now located in Columbus.

Since the above was written Mr. Sowers has passed away, having died June 24, 1902.

DAVID W. TODD.

David W. Todd, best appreciated as a lawyer, politician and soldier, and for many years a resident of Urbana, was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, December 31, 1835, a son of David and Sarah (McCormick) Todd, natives also of Pennsylvania. The father brought his family to Ohio in 1846, and while prospecting in Champaign county left them in the care of a brother in Warren county. Greatly impressed with the advantages to be found in this part of the state he settled the following year in Pretty Prairie, near Urbana, where his death occurred in 1868.

The first impressions of life and work gained by David W. Todd were on his father's farm, where he performed his share of the arduous duties, attending at the same time the district schools. His higher education was acquired at Miami University, at Oxford, Ohio, from which he graduated in 1860, and he thereafter studied law in the office of Shellabarger & Goode, of Springfield, being admitted to the bar in 1863. Almost from the beginning of his practice in Urbana a fair measure of

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success came his way, and in the fall of the same year he was elected county prosecutor, and re-elected in 1865. From 1873 until 1875 he embarked upon a business venture as superintendent of the Urbana Machine Works, but this proving somewhat disastrous, he returned to law, and in October of 1878, was elected probate judge of Champaign county, serving in all four consecutive terms of three years each. This service performed, he again returned to his former professional allegiance, and has since assembled under his erudite and capable banner many important cases in the county and city.

The same energy and devotion to duty apparent in the general life of Mr. Todd found emphatic expression in his Civil war career, during which he won the rank of colonel. He joined Company F, of the Second Ohio, which was organized at Springfield, Ohio, and went to Columbus, from which they were ordered to Washington, D. C. At Lancaster they were mustered into the United States service. His enlistment occurred April 29, 1861, and he was mustered out of the three months' service July 31, 1861, at Columbus, Ohio. In 1862 he assisted in the organization of Company B, Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, of which he was commissioned second lieutenant June 1, 1862, and later first lieutenant, after which he served as regimental quartermaster from June 16, 1862, until September 25, of the same year. He was mustered out at Camp Delaware, Ohio, and May 6, 1864, was commissioned lieutenant-colonel of the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. After participating in the first battle of Bull Run and many minor skirmishes, and in 1864 in the advance on Petersburg and Richmond, Virginia, he was again mustered out, August 31, 1864. Since the war Mr. Todd has been very active in Grand Army circles, and is a member of the W. A. Brand Post, Number 98, department of Ohio.

In 1863 Mr. Todd married Virginia H. Hamilton, who died in 1868, leaving two children, Lee H., who is a merchant in Urbana; and

Robert M., a resident of Columbus, Ohio. In 1869 Mr. Todd married Ella W. Hovey, and of this union there are two children, Nancy H., the wife of Clarey Glessner; and Frank W., a newspaper reporter of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Todd are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Todd is one of the foremost progressive elements of Urbana, and his professional standing is an enviable one. Courteous and faithful to clients, attentive to business, measuring professional duty and effort by recognition of obligations and ends attainable, together with available knowledge of legal principles and an aptitude in their application, all combine to bring him a creditable place among the positive forces of the bar.

JOHN N. SMITH.

John N. Smith, who is residing in Mad River township, was born in Warren county, Ohio, March 1, 1846. His father, Stafford Smith, was a native of the same county and was a farmer by occupation, following that pursuit throughout his entire life. He died at the age of seventy-two years. The family had been founded in the Buckeye state by the grandfather of our subject, who emigrated westward from New Jersey. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Letitia Morgan and was also a native of Ohio. Her life span covered seventy years. Her father, Reese Morgan, was a native of Virginia and a brother of John Morgan, who made the raid into Ohio at the time of the Civil war. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born nine children, five sons and four daughters, all of whom reached mature years, with the exception of one daughter who died when about fourteen years of age.

John N. Smith is the eldest son and second child, and when about

two years old was taken by his parents to Clark county, Ohio, where he was reared and educated, attending the common schools. He remained at home until 1863, when he enlisted in the Civil war, responding to the country's call for aid as a member of Company F, Forty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Later he enlisted in the Eighth Ohio Infantry and served for about two years and eight months as a private. He took part in many important engagements, including the battles of Lynchburg and Liberty. His command then proceeded to the Shenandoah valley and he was under fire at the engagements of Cedar Creek and Winchester when Sheridan made his famous twenty-mile ride, rallied the Union forces and thereby turned the tide to victory. He was taken prisoner on the 11th of January, 1865, at Beverly, West Virginia, and sent to Libby prison, where he remained for forty days. When captured he weighed one hundred and eighty pounds, and when released weighed but ninety-six. Afterward he was sent to Columbus, on a thirty days' furlough, and on the expiration of that period he rejoined his regiment at Philippi, West Virginia, being mustered out at Clarksburg, Virginia, on the 5th of August, 1865. He received an honorable discharge at Camp Dennison, near Cincinnati, and with a most creditable record for valiant service he returned to his home in Clark county, Ohio.

Mr. Smith there engaged in farming until 1868, when he came to Champaign county, settling in Mad River township, and here on the 9th of September, 1869, he was united in marriage to Miss Martha E. Goddard, whose birth occurred in Mad River township, Champaign county, April 18, 1850. Her parents were the Rev. Jesse and Mary (Edmiston) Goddard. Her father was born in Kentucky and when a young man came to Champaign county, settling in Mad River township. He was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and his influence was marked throughout the community. His wife was born in Tennessee and there spent the first ten years of her life, after which she came to

Ohio, her people settling in Pike township, Clark county. In the family were two sons and three daughters, of whom Mrs. Smith was the fourth in order of birth. She pursued her education in the district schools and was reared upon the home farm. Four children grace the union of our subject and his wife: Emory H.; Elliott G., who married Edith Lutz; Nannie, at home; and Minnie, deceased.

Mr. Smith is well known throughout Champaign county. Here he engaged in the operation of a threshing machine for thirty-six years and was also engaged in the agricultural implement business, selling farm machinery for more than twenty years. He likewise conducted a feed mill and sawmill for a number of years, and is now agent for Reeves & Company, threshers and engineers of Columbus, Indiana. He has given his time and attention also to the development and cultivation of his own farm, and is a representative agriculturist of his township. He votes with the Republican party and is a member of Powell Post, No. 381, of Tremont, Ohio, and is likewise identified with the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the blue lodge and chapter in St. Paris and the commandery in Urbana. He holds membership relations with the Knights of Pythias fraternity in Tremont; the Junior Order of American Mechanics and with Storm Creek Council, T. H., of Ohio. He is popular in fraternal circles and esteemed in social circles, and in all life's relations commands the respect and regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

JAMES HENRY CHENEY.

Collectively the farmer in whose hands has rested the fundamental development of communities, however great their ultimate commercial inclination, needs no epitaph to sound his praises in the ears of posterity.

His accomplishments are an ever present blessing, and it is sufficient that the acres wrested from primeval inactivity yield of their abundance with the coming of every summer, and that while factories burn and industries are crowded out of existence by the progress of science or the amalgamation of interests, the husbandman comes into his own with the sole hindrance of his own incapacity or the inclemency of the weather. And because of his inestimable services in all lands it may be said that the monument of the agriculturist is the luxury and opulence of the world, no matter how remote this happy state from his own fireside, and his enduring fame is the dignity of labor and the nobility of collaborating with nature. Individually his sphere is enlarged or narrowed by his ability to cope with the political and governmental elements by which he is surrounded, and his personality is reflected in the condition of his fences and barns, his sanitation and cattle, his appreciation of modern improvements, and his tact and enterprise in bringing within the borders of his possession the pleasures and conveniences of present day existence. But the stable prosperity of this or any other section of the country cannot be noted solely from the standpoint of generalization. In the early days more than ordinarily astute and progressive minds came to Champaign county, and with splendid faith in its possibilities not only guided the plow, but raised their voices in the legislature in behalf of the most intelligent welfare of the community. A name associated with agricultural and political advancement through all the succeeding years since 1808 is that of Cheney, a family of pioneer and present distinction, and of which James Henry Cheney, one of the large land-owners of Champaign county, is a typical representative.

In Union township, first pioneered by the Cheneys, James Henry Cheney was born in this county, December 1, 1839, a son of Jonathan and Rachel (Williams) Cheney, and grandson of Benjamin and Sarah (Cochran) Cheney. Accompanied by his wife, Benjamin Cheney left

his native state of Virginia in 1808, and on the backs of horses made the journey to his future home in Union township. He inherited no wealth, his best possessions being an honest name, good business ability, strong intellect and nobility of purpose. The unsettled conditions had need of just such material for the furtherance of general activities, and Mr. Cheney soon made his influence felt to a conspicuous extent. His unsurpassed thrift and sagacity resulted in the accumulation of an estate comprising nearly two thousand acres, but up to the time of his death, in 1834, he never moved from his first location. As a politician he entered into all the important county undertakings, and was not only a justice of the peace for many years, but was a member of the lower house of the Ohio legislature for twelve years. His political career was characterized by incorruptible integrity, and his duties were discharged with rare discretion and fidelity and commendable zeal. The wife, whose life terminated soon after his own, was the mother of seven sons and one daughter, and of these Jonathan, the father of James Henry Cheney, possessed many of the admirable traits of his father. Jonathan Cheney was born on the paternal farm in Union township in August of 1816, and in 1836 married Rachel, daughter of John W. and Eleanor (Duval) Williams. Of this union there were eight sons and three daughters. The life occupation of Mr. Cheney was stock-raising, and, like his sire, his interests extended beyond his fertile fields to the general improvement of the county. He also was a justice of the peace for many years, and for two years he represented his county in the state legislature. He had the faculty of recognizing and improving opportunities, and his death, March 6, 1864, removed one of the honored, progressive and popular members of the community.

At the present time James Henry Cheney controls nearly a thousand acres of fine farm land in Champaign county, and his operations are on an extensive scale, both as to general farming and stock-raising. His

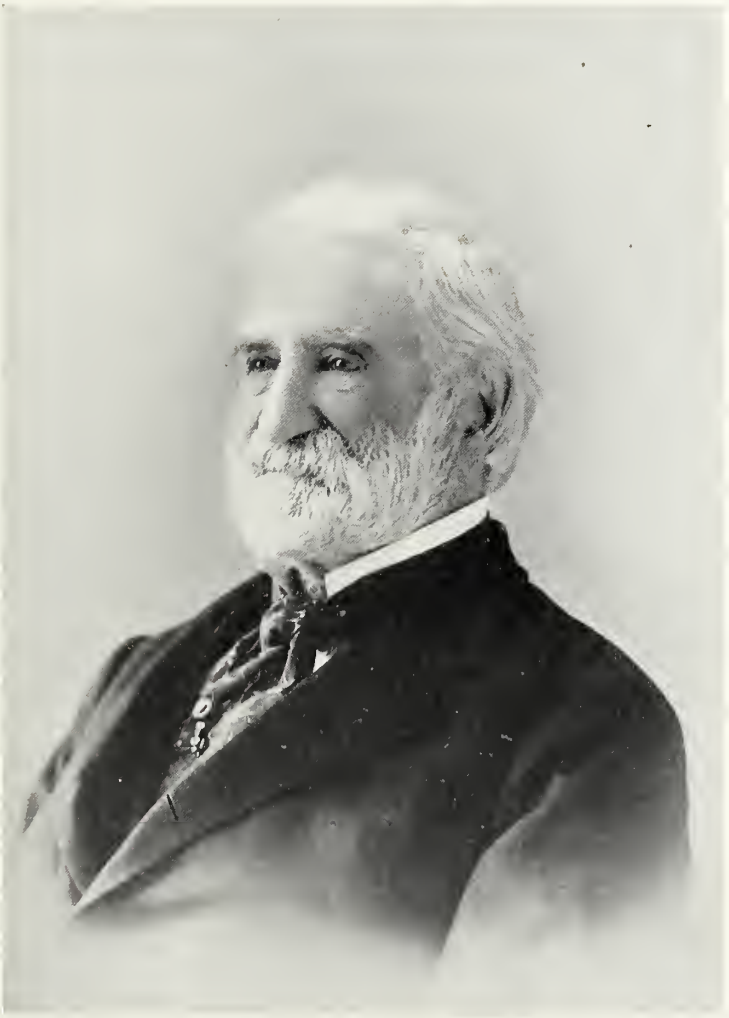
life has contained many elements of interest, and his many capabilities have connected him intimately with the latter day advancement of his locality. During the Civil war he served for a short time in Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and is now a member of the Stephen Baxter Post, No. 88, Department of Ohio, Grand Army of the Republic. In 1860 he married Beatrice S. Tullis, daughter of Ezra C. and Sarah Elizabeth (Edmondston) Tullis, natives respectively of Champaign county, Ohio, and Maryland. The paternal grandfather, Ezra Tullis, was a Virginian who removed to Ohio in the early days, and after living a few years in Warren county settled in Champaign county, which remained his home until his death. The parents of Mrs. Cheney were married in Champaign county, thereafter settling in Goshen township, where she was born, and where her early days were spent. Her father was a very successful farmer and large land-owner, and he was an influential man in the county up to the time of his death, in 1869, at the age of fifty-four years. His wife, who is now living with her daughter, Mrs. James Henry Cheney, still retains the mental alertness which rendered her such an invaluable aid to her husband in his early struggles, and a large share of his energy is devoted to work in the Methodist Protestant church, of which she has been a member for many years. She is seventy-four years old, and is the mother of one son and one daughter, of whom the former, William E. Tullis, died in the service of his country, July 9, 1864, while a soldier in Company C, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. To Mr. and Mrs. Cheney have been born the following children: E. E., of whom a personal sketch appears elsewhere in this work; Brooke E., who died at the age of twenty-seven; Lizzie R., who is the wife of Marion L. Burnham; and William H., who is living with his parents.

In 1875 Mr. and Mrs. Cheney left the farm near Mutual, upon which they had settled after their marriage, and took up their residence

in Mechanicsburg that their children might receive better educational training. Both were fortunate in inheriting landed possessions, which, however, have been increased by wise management, and a scientific study of agricultural methods. For many years the Cheney home has been the center of gracious hospitality, the chatelaine thereof being a woman of sterling traits of character and much tact, and who for years sang in the choir of the Methodist church. Mr. Cheney has maintained and even exalted the prestige established by earlier members of his family, yet he is withal an unassuming gentleman of the old school, and modestly bears his honors as one of the most public spirited and substantial citizens of the town and county. He is a Republican in national politics.

ABSALOM C. JENNINGS.

The history of a state as well as that of a nation is chiefly the chronicles of the lives and deeds of those who have conferred honor and dignity upon society, whether in the broad sphere of public labors or in the more circumscribed, but not less worthy and valuable realm of individual activity through which the general good is promoted. The name borne by the subject of this memoir is one which has stood exponent for the most sterling personal characteristics, the deepest appreciation of the rights and privileges of citizenship, and is one which has been identified with the annals of Ohio history from the early pioneer epoch, when this now great and prosperous commonwealth lay on the very frontier of civilization. Upon the personal career of our subject rests no shadow of wrong. His life was one of signal activity and usefulness, his efforts being disseminated in various fields of endeavor and his success being the direct sequel of his own discriminating and well



ABSALOM C. JENNINGS.

directed efforts. He did much to promote the industrial prestige of champaign county, and here his name is held in lasting honor by all who know him. As a detailed record of the ancestral history appears in connection with the sketch of Edward Jennings, brother of our subject, on another page of this work, it will not be necessary to recapitulate in this article.

Absalom C. Jennings was a native son of the Buckeye state, having been born on a pioneer farm in Clark county, Ohio, on the 28th of February, 1815, being the second in order of birth of the five children of George and Jane (Chenoweth) Jennings, who emigrated from Virginia to Clark county, Ohio, in the year 1814. Further details concerning them will be found in the sketch to which reference has already been made. All of the children are now deceased. Our subject was reared on the homestead farm and his early educational privileges were such as were afforded in the primitive district schools of the day. When a young man he came to Urbana, Champaign county, and here entered the employ of E. B. Cavalier, who was engaged in the general merchandise business. Here also he learned the saddlery and harness trade, and eventually he engaged in business in this line, at Marysville, Union county, Ohio, where he conducted a successful enterprise for a period of four years, being a natural salesman and a progressive and able business man, as was manifest in every portion of his long and honorable business career. In 1844 Mr. Jennings removed to New York city, where he was for two years in the employ of a leading merchant, J. L. Cochran. At the expiration of this period he associated himself with T. B. Read, under the firm name of Jennings, Read & Company, and engaged in the wholesale hat, cap, straw goods and fancy millinery business, the enterprise being conducted with consummate skill and discretion and proving successful. In 1859 Mr. Jennings disposed of his interests in this concern and returned from the national metropolis to Cham-

paign county, Ohio, locating in Urbana. He had purchased a tract of land in this county, and after residing in Urbana for a time he removed to his farm, in Salem township, in order the better to supervise his interests there. He erected the "round barn" on the place, and the same remains as one of the landmarks of this section of the state. Here he became one of the pioneers in the introduction of the important enterprise of breeding fine horses and Jersey cattle in the county, and through his vigorous and timely efforts there was given an impetus to these lines of industry that has continued to be felt to the present, the value of his initiative efforts being inestimable. His place was known as the Nutwood Farm, and under his supervision became one of the noted stock farms of this section of the Union. He gave special attention to the raising and training of standard and thoroughbred horses and the breeding of the highest type of Jersey cattle, being exceptionally successful and acquiring an extensive and valuable landed estate in the county. From 1874 to 1877, inclusive, Mr. Jennings was engaged in the dry-goods business in Springfield, this state, but after disposing of this business he continued to devote his entire attention to his farming and stock interests in Champaign county until his death, maintaining his residence in the city of Urbana, where his death occurred on the 10th of March, 1895, and where his widow still maintains her home, the beautiful residence being hallowed by the memories and associations of the past.

In his political adherency Mr. Jennings was originally an old-line Whig, but upon the organization of the Republican party he transferred his allegiance to the same and thereafter continued to support its principles and policies. While he was public-spirited and every ready to co-operate in any enterprise for the promotion of the general good, he never aspired to the honors of public office, holding his business interests as worthy of his undivided attention. He was beyond the age limit

of military service at the outbreak of the Rebellion, but manifested his loyalty and deep patriotism by sending two men into the service at his personal expense. He was broad and tolerant in his views, having a high regard for basic religious principles, though he never became a member of any church. He was however, a liberal contributor to the support of the Presbyterian church, of which Mrs. Jennings has long been a devoted adherent. Fraternally he was identified with the Masonic order and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His integrity of purpose was beyond cavil, in person he was genial and courteous, winning warm and enduring friendships, and in all the relations of life he stood as an upright, high-principled gentleman, commanding the respect and esteem of all with whom he came in contact.

On the 26th of November, 1839, Mr. Jennings was united in marriage to Miss Julia A. McNay, who was born in Logan county, Ohio, the daughter of David and Rhoda (Wilcox) McNay, natives respectively of Kentucky and New York, from the former of which states they came to Ohio in the pioneer days, settling in Logan county. Mr. and Mrs. Jennings had no children.

JOSEPH CHAMBERLIN.

Few, if any, of the old residents of Champaign county have done more for its improvement in every direction than has the subject of this narrative. He was born in Livingston county, New York, on the 9th of May, 1834, and is a son of John and Sarah (Bodine) Chamberlin, also natives of that commonwealth and both descended from old colonial families. The founder of the family in America came from England with his wife and three children, and he was subsequently drowned in a whirlpool off the coast of New Jersey. His three sons settled in

different parts of the United States, one locating in New England, one in the southern states and one in New Jersey. The great-grandparents of our subject were Joseph and Amy Chamberlin. Their son William, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Hunterdon county, New Jersey, in October, 1772, and on the 10th of June, 1793, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Duckworth, and they had twelve children, eight sons and four daughters. In 1834 the family came to Ohio, locating on a farm at Vienna, Trumbull county. His death occurred on the 19th of March, 1851, when he had reached the age of seventy-eight years. John Chamberlin, the father of him whose name introduces this review, was born in New Jersey on the 10th of March, 1796, and in the state of his birth, on the 3d of March, 1817, he was united in marriage to Sarah Bodine, by whom he had twelve children,—Matilda; Mary; Elizabeth; Ann; Sarah Jane; John V. R.; Emma and Hope, of Illinois; Joseph, of Ohio; Effie; and Angelina and William, both of Kansas. In 1854 the family came to Champaign county, locating in Woodstock, where the parents spent the remainder of their lives. The father was an Adventist in his religious belief, and the mother was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Joseph Chamberlin, of this review, received his elementary education in the public schools of Livingston county, and afterward attended the high school of Rochester, New York. When a young man he came with his parents to Woodstock, Ohio, where he was successfully engaged in mercantile pursuits for fifteen years, both before and after the Civil war, and during that time he also took large contracts for building gravel roads, having constructed in all fifty-three and a half miles of gravel road in Champaign, Logan and Union counties. In 1861, at the outbreak of the Civil war, he enlisted in the Sixty-sixth Ohio Regimental Band, in which he served until August, 1862, and during that time was a member of the Army of the Potomac, operating in Virginia. Dur-

ing his army service he contracted rheumatism and heart trouble, and this necessitated his discharge at the above mentioned date, after which he returned to his home and resumed his mercantile business, thus continuing until 1880. In that year he received the nomination for the office of county sheriff, to which he was elected in the following November, and so ably did he discharge the duties incumbent upon him in that important position that he was unanimously elected for a second term. His services therein were particularly appreciated by the Champaign county bar, who presented him with a gold-headed cane, bearing the inscription "To Joseph Chamberlin, Sheriff, by the Bar of Urbana, Ohio, January 3, 1885," General Young making the presentation speech. Prior to his election to that office he had served his township as its treasurer for eleven years, and for a long period he ably served as a constable. The cause of education has ever found in him a warm friend, and it was principally through his instrumentality that the special school district of Woodstock was organized, and he was also active in placing the cemeteries under the power of cemetery trustees. Mr. Chamberlin framed both bills, and it was through his influence that they were carried into effect. Six years ago he was made a notary public, and he is also a pension agent, discharging the duties of both positions to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. His farm, located in Rush township, comprises one hundred and forty-five acres of rich and productive land, and all is under an excellent state of cultivation and improved with good and substantial buildings.

Mr. Chamberlin was married on the 6th of January, 1859, when Miss Harriet Smith became his wife. She is a daughter of Jesse and Minerva Smith, of Woodstock, Ohio. The father was born in Woodstock, Vermont, a son of Samuel and Phœbe (McCutcheon) Smith, also natives of that state, and the latter was of Scotch descent. Samuel Smith was the founder of the family in Champaign county. He was

accompanied on the journey here by his wife and one child, Cyrus, and his brothers, and they arrived in Woodstock in 1820, where they were the first settlers. The family purchased a large tract of land in the vicinity of that village, where they made their permanent home. Unto Samuel and Phœbe Smith were born the following children: Cyrus, Jesse, Lois, Stephen and Amy, and all were born in this county with the exception of the eldest, who was born ere the family removed from their old Vermont home. The father was only permitted to enjoy his new home a few years, for his life's labors were ended in death about 1827. His brother, Jesse Smith, was an officer in the war of 1812, while another brother, Stillman, was killed at the battle of Fort Niagara, and Samuel was also a soldier in that war, in which he participated in the battle of Plattsburg. Jesse Smith, the father of Mrs. Chamberlin, married Mary M. Thomas, a daughter of Gardner and Thankful Thomas, who removed from near Stowe, Vermont, to Champaign county, Ohio, in 1834, locating on a farm in Rush township, where they made their home for many years. He, too, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was at the battle of Plattsburg. He subsequently removed to Illinois, and there died at the home of a son. After the birth of their ten children Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Smith removed to Union county, Indiana, where they both died, the father in 1880 and the mother in 1872. Their children were: Helen, Harriet, Calvin, Phœbe T., Eliza A., Charles A., Ida L., Clarence M. J., Carroll and Solon H. Unto the union of our subject and wife have been born the following children: Charles, who was born October 2, 1859, and died on the 14th of October, 1860; Sarah, who was born August 24, 1861, and is the wife of Lincoln Burnham, of Goshen township, Champaign county; Jessie Helen, who was born June 4, 1865, and died August 10, 1865; Harriet Maude, who was born December 9, 1874, and married C. K. Lincoln, of Rush township; and Bell, who was born June 3, 1881, and died July 21 of the same year. Mr. Chamberlin

is identified with the Masonic order, being a charter member of Champaign Lodge, No. 525, of Urbana, is a member of Woodstock Lodge, No. 167, I. O. O. F., and is also a charter member of W. A. Brand Post, G. A. R., of Urbana. Politically he is a lifelong Republican and is an active worker in the ranks of his party. Mrs. Chamberlin is a member of the Universalist church.

SAMUEL SLUSSER.

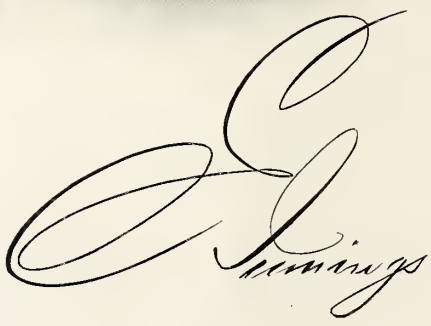
An able representative of the agricultural interests of Champaign county is Mr. Slusser, whose finely improved and attractive farmstead is eligibly located in Johnson township, while he is known as one of the progressive and representative citizens of the community.

Mr. Slusser is a native son of the old Buckeye state, having been born on a farm in Miami county, Ohio, on the 25th of October, 1829, the date signifying that he is a representative of one of the pioneer families of the state. His father, Peter Slusser, was born in Virginia, whence he emigrated to Miami county, Ohio, when a young man and subsequently to the war of 1812, in which he was an active participant. In Montgomery county, this state, was solemnized his marriage to Miss Mary McFadden, who was born and reared in Pennsylvania, and they became the parents of six children, namely: David, who is deceased; Samuel, who is the immediate subject of this review; Charlotte; Mary Ellen; and two who died in infancy.

When our subject was a child of four years the family came to Champaign county and located on the farm which he now makes his home, the place having been at the time heavily timbered and having

no improvements. The father cleared a portion of the tract of eighty acres and became the owner of an estate of sixty-five acres. Here he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in the year 1851, after which the estate was divided among the heirs. The mother of our subject passed away in 1890. Mr. Slusser now has an excellent farm of sixty-five acres, the land being exceptionally prolific and having appreciated in value by reason of the discriminating care taken in its improvement and cultivation. He has practically passed his entire life on this old homestead, and his early educational advantages were such as were afforded in the district schools maintained in the pioneer epoch. In politics he gives his support to the principles and policies of the Democratic party, and he and his family are devoted members of the Mount Pleasant Baptist church, of which our subject is a trustee and one of its most valued members, having been actively identified with the erection of the present church edifice, while his influence has ever been cast on the side of all worthy undertakings and causes. He is one of the county's honored pioneer residents and has the esteem of all who know him.

On the 2d of November, 1856, Mr. Slusser was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Jenkins, who was born in this county on the 15th of August, 1829, the daughter of Edden and Elizabeth (Pence) Jenkins, both of whom were born in Virginia, their marriage being solemnized in Champaign county. They became the parents of twelve children, of whom only two are now living, Mrs. Slusser having been the seventh in order of birth. Our subject and his estimable wife, who has been his devoted companion and helpmeet for nearly a half century, have three children, all of whom were born on the old homestead. Mary E. is the wife of Andrew Jordan, of Johnson township; John is engaged in farming in Jackson township; and Corey is a successful farmer of Johnson township on the old homestead.



EDWARD JENNINGS.

To have attained to the extreme fulness of years and to have had one's ken broadened to a comprehension of all that has been accomplished within the flight of many days, is of itself sufficient to render consonant the consideration of such a life in a work of this nature, but in the case at hand there are more pertinent, more distinguishing elements,—those of usefulness, of high honor, of marked intellectuality, of broad humanitarian spirit and of well earned success,—which lift in high regard the subjective personality of one who has ever stood four square to every wind that blows. No shadows darken any period of the long and honorable life of the venerable subject of this review, who has now passed the age of four score years and ten, and his has been the advantage of an ancestry typical of all that makes for integrity and true worth.

A resident of the city of Urbana, where many years of his life have been passed, though his efforts have been desseminated over a wide field of business enterprises in various sections of the Union, this patriarchal citizen is known to practically every member of the community and to him is granted that reverence due to so advanced age and to one whose life has been of signal integrity and honor. No record touching the life histories of the representative men of Champaign county would be consistent with itself were there failure to revert to the career of Edward Jennings. Back to that cradle of much of our national history, the Old Dominion state, must we turn in tracing the genealogy of our subject, and it is found that he was born in Berkeley county, Virginia (now West Virginia), on the 1st of April, 1811, being the eldest of the five children of George and Jane (Chenoweth) Jennings and the only one living at the present time, the other children having been Absalom C. (elsewhere mentioned in this work), Amy Jane, Sarah C. and Nancy C.

The parents of our subject were both born in Berkeley county, Virginia, whence they came to Ohio in the year 1814, locating on a tract of land in Clark county, where the father reclaimed a farm from the forest wilds. In later years he became interested in farming, and while on a business trip in connection therewith met an accidental death, being drowned in the Ohio river, about the year 1825. About nine years later his widow moved to Urbana, where she passed the residue of her life, being summoned into eternal rest in 1876. She was a woman of gentle and noble character, a zealous worker in the Baptist church, exemplifying her Christian faith in the daily walk of life, and winning the love of a large circle of devoted friends.

Edward Jennings was about four years of age at the time of his removal to Ohio, and was reared on the old homestead farm in Clark early beginning to contribute to the work of the same and having such educational advantages as were offered in the primitive log school-house of the period. Upon attaining the age of seventeen years he left the home farm and came to Urbana, where he found employment in the general merchandise store of E. B. Cavalier, one of the pioneer business men of the town. He was thus engaged for a period of five years, at the expiration of which he removed to Circleville, Pickaway county, where he held a clerkship about one and one-half years, proceeding thence to Chillicothe, where he secured an interest in a general store and also engaged in the grain business, disposing of his interests four years later, in 1837, and being for the next year at leisure, passing the greater portion of this interval in New York city. In the meanwhile he entered into partnership with other citizens of Chillicothe, under the firm name of Wilcox, Barber & Jennings, and established the first wholesale dry-goods enterprise in that place, the firm becoming Wilcox & Jennings one year after the opening of the business. This enterprise was thus continued for six years, at the expiration of which Mr. Jennings disposed of his interests and went

to New York city, where he engaged in the same line of enterprise, under the firm name of Mozier, Jennings & Company, Mr. Mozier withdrawing at the end of two years, whereupon the firm became Tweedy, Jennings & Company. Two years later our subject sold out his interests, having in the meanwhile associated himself with his brother, Absalom C., and with T. B. Read, both of Urbana, in the manufacturing of straw hats and in the wholesaling of the products, together with hats, caps and fancy millinery, under the firm name of Jennings, Read & Company. Mr. Jennings gave no personal attention to this enterprise and finally withdrew from the firm, as did also his brother. He had acquired considerable real estate in Highland and Clinton counties, Ohio, and there he passed some time in the supervision of his interests. Finally, owing to the impaired health of his wife, he took her to Cincinnati for treatment and this led to his forming acquaintances in that city, where he finally secured an interest in a wholesale grocery business, which was conducted under the firm title of Jennings & Butterfield and later that of Jennings, Butterfield & Clark. For nearly twenty years our subject continued to retain an interest in this business, which became one of importance. He continued his residence in Cincinnati about five years and then came to Urbana, in 1859, where he has ever since maintained his home,—a term of more than forty years, within which he has been known as a public-spirited citizen, lending aid and influence in support of measures for the public good and contributing to the progress and material prosperity of the city, whose growth from the position of a primitive country town he has witnessed. Mr. Jennings has extensive landed interests in Champaign county, and when he came here in 1859 interested himself in the raising of high-grade stock upon a large scale, doing much to promote this line of industry in this section of the state. He owns what is known as the Governor Vance farm, one of the finest properties in the county, and also other valuable lands. While he has been a stanch adherent of

the Republican party from the time of its organization, Mr. Jennings has never sought political preferment and has invariably refused to permit his name to be considered in connection with candidacy for office. His life has been a successful one from every viewpoint, and his prosperity has been achieved by worthy means, thus retaining to him uniform confidence and esteem. He lives in a modest farm home, the same, however being within the city limits of Urbana.

On the 4th of June, 1839, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Jennings to Miss Anna M. Bentley, who was born in Highland county, Ohio, the daughter of Colonel Eli P. Bentley, one of the pioneers of Highland county, but was living at Chillicothe at the time of her marriage. She proved a devoted companion and helpmeet to her husband, being a woman of sterling character and gentle refinement and holding the deep affection of those who came within the immediate sphere of her gracious and kindly influence. She passed away in April, 1890, at the age of sixty-seven years, having been a communicant of and zealous worker in the Protestant Episcopal church. Mr. and Mrs. Jennings became the parents of three sons and three daughters, of whom there are now living only the two sons,—Edward P. and George B. both of whom are residents of Urbana.

DAVID J. JOHNSON.

David J. Johnson, a representative of a prominent old Virginia family and a leading agriculturist of Champaign county, was born in Frederick county, Virginia, May 11, 1820. In the Old Dominion his paternal grandfather was also born, and he was of Dutch descent. Amos Johnson, the father of our subject, claimed Frederick county as the place of his nativity, his birth there occurring on October 30, 1775, and he was

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there reared and married. The year 1833 witnessed his arrival in the Buckeye state, his first location being in Licking county, but in the following year he came to Champaign county, purchasing a farm near Kings Creek, Salem township. His death occurred in Wayne township, this county, when he had reached the eighty-fifth milestone on the journey of life. He was a life-long farmer, a member of the Christian church, and a supporter of the Democracy. He was ever a loyal and progressive citizen, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Groceman, was also a native of the Old Dominion, born in 1782, and she, too, was a member of a prominent old family of that commonwealth and of Dutch descent. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson became the parents of twelve children, eight sons and four daughters, all of whom grew to years of maturity and with one exception all were married.

David J. Johnson, whose name introduces this review, is the eleventh in order of birth in the above family and the only one now living. When twelve years of age he left the county of his nativity, and in the following year came to Champaign county, where he received his education in the old time log school house. After his marriage he made his home in Salem for a time, but in 1848 located on the farm on which he still resides. He here owns seventy acres of rich and fertile land, all of which is under an excellent state of cultivation, and his fields annually return to their owner abundant harvests.

In Salem township, Champaign county, on the 26th of February, 1845, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Gutridge, who was born in that locality on the 3d of August, 1822, a daughter of Richard and Lucretia (Manus) Gutridge, prominent early settlers of this county. Four children have blessed the union of our subject and wife, namely: Eliza Jane, the wife of Charles W. Hollingsworth, of Urbana; James I., who married Mary Norman and resides on the old

homestead; Ella, the wife of L. R. Marshall, of Mingo, Wayne township; and S. Elizabeth, the deceased wife of John Nincehelser. Mr. Johnson has been a life-long member of the Democratic party, and for over fifty years has been a member of the Baptist church, in which he has long been an office holder. He has made good use of his opportunities through life, has prospered from year to year and all who know him have the highest admiration for his good qualities of heart and mind.

EMORY HEDGES.

Among the native sons and representative farmers of Champaign county the subject of this sketch enjoys marked prestige as one of the pioneer citizens and as one who has attained a high degree of success through his efforts in connection with the noble art of husbandry. He has nearly attained the psalmist's span of three score years and ten, but the vigor begotten of the free and invigorating life of the farm has warded off the encroachments of the years and he is a sturdy and active man and one who takes pleasure in the supervision of the work of his fine farmstead, which is located in Urbana township, in section 14.

Mr. Hedges was born on the farm which is now his home, the date of his nativity having been June 1, 1833. His father, Jonas Hedges, was born in Berkeley county, Virginia (now West Virginia), and was there reared to maturity, having been an active participant in the war of 1812, after which he married and came to Champaign county, Ohio, as one of its earliest pioneers. He located in Urbana township, in the midst of the forest wilds, and here cleared and improved a considerable tract of government land, having at one time owned the farm now owned by M. B. Saxbe, as well as that occupied by our subject, and having made improvements on both. He was an influential man in the pioneer com-

munity, was originally a supporter of the Whig party, but transferred his allegiance to the Republican party at the time of its organization, and was thereafter an active worker in its local ranks, while he served for many years as justice of the peace and was also a member of the board of directors of the county infirmary. He and his wife were both zealous and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Jonas Hedges died in 1864, at the age of seventy-five years. He was a son of Samuel Hedges, who likewise was born in Berkeley county, Virginia, and there devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, having been a Whig in his political proclivities. The original American ancestors came to this country in the year 1600, and representatives of the name may now be found in the most diverse sections of the Union. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Elizabeth Robinson, and she also was born in Berkeley county, Virginia, of stanch old Irish stock. Jonas and Elizabeth Hedges became the parents of twelve children, all but three of whom were born after the family's removal to Champaign county, the subject of this sketch being the youngest.

Emory Hedges had a somewhat extraordinary experience ere he had attained sufficient age to appreciate the same, and it is almost a miracle that he lived to learn of the incident. When he was a child of eighteen months he fell into a well fifty-two feet in depth and was rescued uninjured. The early routine of his boyhood was not materially changed by reason of this accident, resulting from the venturesome spirit of inquisitive childhood, and he early began to assist in the work of the farm, while his educational training was secured in the public schools of the locality and period. He had completed his educational discipline at the age of nineteen years and thereafter continued to assist his father in the work of the old homestead until the time of his marriage, in 1857, when he removed to Clark county, this state, and was there engaged in farming for an interval of about eight years. His father's death

at this time brought about our subject's return to the present homestead, which he inherited by the terms of his father's will, and here has he ever since been actively engaged in general farming and stock-raising, devoting special attention to the raising of a fine grade of swine. His farm comprises one hundred and twenty acres and the same has the best of permanent improvements and is under most effective cultivation, being one of the valuable places of this township.

Mr. Hedges is a stalwart Republican in politics and has ever taken a proper interest in local affairs of a public nature. His first presidential vote was cast in support of General John C. Fremont, the first candidate of the Republican party, in 1856. He is now serving as trustee of his township and is one of the honored old settlers of the county. During the war of the Rebellion he was in service for one hundred days, having enlisted as a private in the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and he received his honorable discharge at the expiration of his term of enlistment. Mr. Hedges and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he is at the present time a member of the board of trustees of his church.

In December, 1857, Mr. Hedges was united in marriage to Miss Nancy G. Gener, who was born in this county. They have the following children, namely: Henry, Nettie, Robert, Morley C., Mary and Anna, the eldest son being a graduate of the Ohio State University, at Columbus, and being now a successful teacher in the public schools.

WINFIELD T. SHRIGLEY.

For many years W. T. Shrigley has been identified with the agricultural interests of Champaign county. He was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, on the 31st of August, 1847, son of James and Eliza (Shaffer)

MR. AND MRS. WINFIELD T. SHRIGLEY.

Shrigley. The former, a coal miner by occupation, was a native of Ohio, of Dutch and Irish descent, and was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion. The mother was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, and was of German descent. In their family were three sons and two daughters.

W. T. Shrigley, the eldest in order of birth of five children, enjoyed the advantages afforded by the common schools of his native county, and during the summer months assisted in the work of the home farm. On the 4th of April, 1883, he arrived in Champaign county, and immediately located on the farm on which he still resides. He has ever been an active worker in the ranks of the Republican party. In 1892 he was elected to the office of township trustee, and for six years served in that position, while for many years he has been a school director. At one time he enlisted in the independent militia, and later re-enlisted for a three years term, but on account of his age and size he was rejected, and he now holds an honorable discharge. In his social relations he is a member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics.

On the 19th of October, 1880, Mr. Shrigley was united in marriage to Mrs. Rebecca J. (Loder) Williams, a native of Coshocton county, Ohio, and a daughter of Aaron and Rebecca (Darling) Loder. Aaron Loder was born in Pennsylvania and remained there until the age of twelve or fourteen, when he removed to Coshocton county, Ohio, where he became a successful farmer and died at about the age of seventy-six years. His wife was born in Coshocton county, her father being James Darling, a farmer and stock-raiser, who achieved great success in that line of business. Mrs. Shrigley, the youngest of the ten children of Aaron and Rebecca Loder, was born in 1848, and in her native county she was reared to years of maturity. By her marriege to Mr. Shrigley she has became the mother of two children,—Winfield L., born December 30, 1882, at home; and Leatha May, born September 25, 1891, who is now eleven years of age. No one in the community enjoys a better repu-

tation for word or deed than Mr. Shrigley, and when a man stands high in the estimation of the people who have known him during the greater part of his life no greater testimonial to his worth can be given.

ELIJAH PENCE.

This well known and honored citizen of Champaign county has passed practically his entire life in Mad River township, and is a representative of one of the sterling pioneer families of the county. That the name became identified with the annals of Champaign county at an early period in its history is evident from the very fact that our subject was born here nearly eighty years ago, and he is particularly entitled to representation in this work, which has to do with those who have been the founders and builders of the county.

Mr. Pence was born in Mad River township on the 9th of May, 1823, being the son of Henry Pence, who was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, where he was reared to maturity and where occurred his marriage to Elizabeth Mouser, who was likewise born in the Old Dominion state. Henry Pence was the son of Lewis Pence, who was one of the first settlers in Champaign county, as was also John Pence, who was his cousin. Both settled in Mad River township, taking up government land and reclaiming farms in the heavily timbered region. Both the father and the grandfather of our subject died on the farm which is now his home, the same being located in section 8. The mother lived to attain the age of sixty-one years. She was a daughter of John Mouser, who likewise was one of the pioneer settlers of this county. Henry and Elizabeth Pence became the parents of two sons and three daughters, the subject of this sketch having been the third child and

the elder of the two sons. All the children were born on the old homestead farm where he now lives and all attained years of maturity and were married.

Elijah Pence grew up under the discipline of the pioneer farmstead, early beginning to contribute his quota to the strenuous toil demanded in the reclamation and cultivation of the land, and receiving such educational discipline as was afforded in the primitive schools of the early days. He remained at the parental home until his marriage, in 1849, and he then located on a tract of land which he had purchased in this township, there retaining his residence for about two years, at the expiration of which he disposed of his property and removed to Fayette county, Iowa, where he purchased a tract of land and there engaged in agricultural pursuits for a period of about fifteen years. He then removed to Audrain county, Missouri, where he purchased a farm, but he disposed of the same about eighteen months later and returned to Iowa, locating in Washington county, where he purchased a farm and there continued to reside for fifteen years, at the expiration of which he came to Champaign county once more, here effecting the purchase of his present fine homestead, which was the place of his birth, the land having been taken up by John Pence. Our subject has made the best of improvements on the old homestead, including a residence which is one of the best farm dwellings in the county. Mr. Pence now rents his farm and has practically retired from active labor, enjoying, in his venerable age, that quiet and dignified repose which is the just reward of years of earnest toil and endeavor. In politics he gives a stanch support to the principles and policies of the Republican party, and both he and his wife have long been devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

On the 8th of June, 1849, Mr. Pence was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth J. Markley, who was born in Maryland, whence her

parents emigrated to Champaign county when she was about three years of age. Her father, Andrew Markley, was born in Maryland in the year 1800, and he died when about thirty years of age. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Garloch, was likewise born in Maryland, and she survived him many years, passing away at the age of sixty-eight. Mrs. Pence was the youngest in a family of four sons and two daughters and is the only survivor of the family. Our subject and his wife are the oldest couple in Mad River township, and they have been companions on the pathway of life for more than half a century. They are held in the highest esteem in the community, where their friends are in number as their acquaintances. They have no children.

ALFRED F. TAYLOR.

One of the prominent and influential farmers and stock-growers of Champaign county is the gentleman whose name introduces this paragraph, and it is fitting that we incorporate a brief review of his career, which has been one of marked success and honor.

Mr. Taylor is a native of Cambridgeshire, England, where he was born on the 8th of November, 1850, being the son of George Taylor, who was likewise born in Cambridgeshire, whence he emigrated to America in the year 1851, and he located on a farm in Wayne county, Ohio, where he maintained his home for about fifteen years, having sent to England for his family in 1854. From Wayne county he removed to Ontario county, New York, where he lived for a number of years, but he now resides with his son William in Hillsdale county, Michigan, having attained the venerable age of eighty-three years. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Heigho, died in 1898. They

became the parents of eight children, namely: Edward, Henry, William, Alfred F., George, Arthur, Charles and Anna May. All are living except the daughter, who became the wife of William Burnett and died November 13, 1900.

Alfred F. Taylor was about four years of age when he came with his mother to America, and was reared on the paternal farmstead in Wayne county, his educational advantages being such as were afforded by the public schools of the locality. He assisted his father in the operation of the farm until he had attained the age of twenty-one years, when he gave inception to his independent business career by engaging in the contract for getting out one thousand tons of plaster rock in Phelps township, Ontario county, New York, the contract being for the amount of seven hundred and fifty dollars. He thereafter continued to make his home in Ontario county until the spring of 1874, when he located in Summit county, Ohio, where he was associated with his brother William in farming, thus continuing for a period of three years. During the next three years he was employed by O. S. Burt, of Granger, Ohio, in the buying of produce, and he then passed a similar period in connection with a grocery business in the city of Cleveland. After his marriage he was engaged as a traveling salesman until 1887, when he came to Champaign county and located on a farm one mile north of Woodstock, and there continued to reside about three years, when he came to this county, where he now owns one hundred and seventy acres in Mad River township, which is one of the best places in this section of the county. He has devoted special attention to the raising of high-grade live stock, and is known as one of the leading stock-growers of this section of the state. Mr. Taylor is enterprising, progressive and energetic, and has attained a high degree of success through his well directed efforts, while his course has been such as to retain to him the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact. In

politics he is a stalwart Republican, and fraternally is identified with Magrew Lodge, No. 433, Knights of Pythias, at Westville. He is a member of the school board of his district and takes marked interest in all that concerns the progress and material prosperity of the community.

In the year 1876 Mr. Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Spensley, who was born in Medina county, Ohio, and they have one son Edward T., who is associated with his father in the management of the farm.

WILLIAM F. HYDE, M. D.

The true spirit of progress and enterprise is exemplified in the lives of such men as Dr. William Fulton Hyde,—men whose energetic natures and laudable ambition have enabled them to conquer many adverse circumstances and advance steadily to a leading position in business life. The Doctor is a worthy representative of this class, and is now a prominent figure in the professional circles of Champaign county.

Dr. Hyde was born in York township, Union county, Ohio, on the 23d of December, 1856, a son of John B. and Elizabeth (Davis) Hyde, the former of English and the latter of Welsh and Irish descent, and both were born in the eastern part of Ohio. The father was a farmer by occupation, and his father, Samuel Hyde, died during the removal of the family to Union county. The marriage of John B. and Elizabeth (Davis) Hyde was blessed with nine children, five sons and four daughters, of whom the Doctor was the youngest in order of birth. His elementary education was received in the district schools of his native county, and later he entered the Richwood high school, in which he

was graduated in 1874. In order to defray the expenses of a medical education he then began farm labor, and after receiving the necessary means entered the Columbus Medical College, in which he was graduated in 1887. He immediately began the practice of his chosen calling in Bokes Creek, Union county, where he remained for six years, and since 1893 has been numbered among the medical practitioners of Christiansburg. His knowledge of the science of medicine is comprehensive and accurate, and by the constant perusal of medical literature he keeps thoroughly abreast with the times.

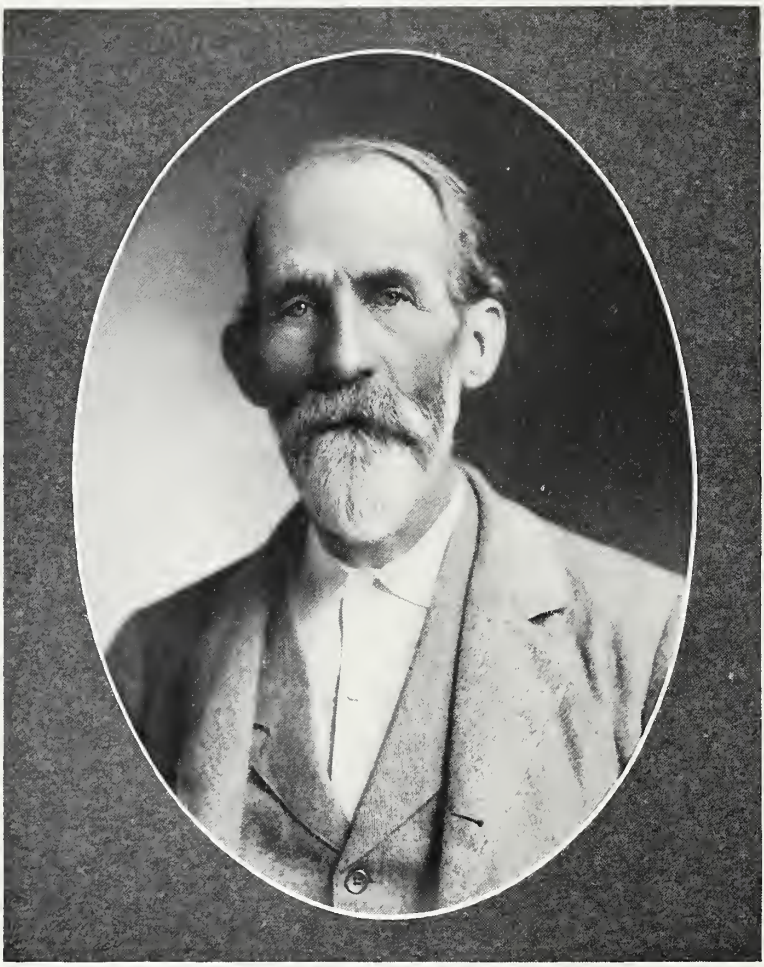
In 1875 Dr. Hyde was united in marriage to Sarah A. Monroe, a native also of Union county, Ohio, and a daughter of L. G. Monroe, one of the early pioneers of Logan county, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Hyde have three children, namely: Willard Blackborn, who is preparing for the medical profession at Columbus; Stella Atlanta, a successful school teacher; and Maude Monroe, who is attending school. The Doctor was formerly a member of the Medical Society, and is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Rebekah lodge and the Masonic fraternity. Religiously his membership is with the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is an active worker, while in his political affiliations he is a stanch Republican. His fidelity to every duty of public and private life has gained him high esteem, and his ability in the line of his profession has won him a gratifying financial success.

JAMES W. BLACK.

James W. Black is a well known farmer of Salem township, his home being in section 20 and within the borders of this township, his birth occurring October 28, 1854, his parents being James and Caroline

(Culbertson) Black. He is the youngest in a family of eight children and was reared in the place of his nativity, his education being acquired in the district schools. He worked on the home farm, the duties of field and meadow early becoming familiar to him through practical experience. He chose as a companion and helpmate for the journey of life Miss Lizzie Robbins, the marriage being celebrated on the 21st of December, 1882. The lady is a native of Logan county, Ohio, her birth having occurred in West Liberty, March 8, 1862. Her father, John W., was a native of New Jersey, and emigrated westward, taking up his abode in Logan county, Ohio, about 1857. By trade he was a blacksmith and long followed that pursuit, his death occurring when he was fifty-two years of age. His wife bore the maiden name of Rebecca Huff and her birth occurred in Hunterdon county, New Jersey. They became the parents of three children: Bell, the wife of J. R. Black, who is mentioned on another page of this volume; William, a resident of California; and Mrs. James W. Black, of this review. She was reared in West Liberty and after her marriage went as a bride to the old Black homestead, the young couple taking up their abode in the house that his grandfather, Captain Alexander Black, had erected in 1818, our subject being a representative of the third generation to occupy this home. He carries on general farming and stockraising, and in connection with his brother owns and operates about six hundred acres of rich and arable land, his farming interests being crowned with a very creditable degree of success. He is also a stockholder and one of the directors of the Farmers Banking Company of West Liberty, and is financially interested in a business block at that place.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Black has been blessed with four children: Burr R., born in 1887; Geneva B., born in 1890; Howard C., born May 24, 1893; and Virginia, born August 23, 1901. Mr. Black votes with the Republican party and has served as a school director, but



A B Thomas

does not seek or desire public office. He belongs to Liberty Lodge, No. 96, I. O. O. F., and is a popular and esteemed representative of that organization. His entire life has been passed in Salem township, and he is now living upon the farm which has been in the possession of the Black family since 1809. From pioneer days down to the present, representatives of the name have borne their share in promoting the best interests of this section of the state, and Mr. Black is widely recognized as a progressive and public spirited citizen.

IVAN B. THOMAS.

The history of agricultural interests in Champaign county would be incomplete without mention of Ivan B. Thomas, a well known farmer of Salem township, whose birth occurred January 30, 1832, at the place of his present residence. His father was Colonel John Thomas, a native of Maryland, who was reared and educated in Hagerstown and on emigrating westward when a young man, located in Ross county, Ohio, coming to Champaign county about 1807. He took up his abode on a farm in Kings Creek and became a leading and influential citizen of the community. He was Colonel of a militia regiment in the war of 1812, and made his home in this county at the time when all was so wild that it was necessary to have a block house upon his farm in order to secure protection against Indians. For thirty-three years he served as justice of the peace and his fidelity to duty was most marked as is indicated by his long continuance in the position. He held membership in the Methodist Protestant church and his home was always open for the reception of ministers of any denomination who came to the neighborhood. He voted the Whig ticket in early life, supported Clay and Harrison and was al-

ways fearless in defense of his honest convictions. His death occurred when he was seventy-one years of age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Johnson, was born in Pennsylvania in 1802 and when two years of age was brought to Ohio, while in 1806 she became a resident of Champaign county. Her death occurred in her eighty-fifth year. Her father, Jacob Johnson, removed from the Keystone state to Ohio in pioneer times and was numbered among the honored and worthy pioneers of Champaign county. Mr. Thomas, the father of our subject, was twice married, his first union being with Miss Anna Morris of Pickaway county. They had a large family of whom but two are living: William and Josephus, both residents of Wayne township, Champaign county. Unto the parents of our subject were born five children, of whom Ivan B. Thomas is the eldest and the only survivor.

Upon the home farm, where he is yet living, our subject was reared and his education was pursued in a log school house near by, seated with hewed log seats and supplied with a puncheon floor. As soon as old enough to handle a plow he began work in the fields and has since been an active factor in the cultivation of the soil. In connection with his brother he carries on a grain business, as a member of the firm of Ivan B. Thomas & Brother, their elevator being located in Kennerd. Mr. Thomas became connected with this line of commercial activity in 1866 and is still engaged therein, being the oldest grain merchant in the county. His operations in this line, however, have not demanded all of his attention for he has always carried on farming. He is likewise one of the stockholders in the Citizens National Bank and has been one of its directors from 1878 until the present year, 1902.

In 1876 Mr. Thomas was united in marriage to Lucretia Burnett, a native of Tuscarawas county, Ohio, who was there reared and educated. Our subject and his wife now have four children: Edward B., Robert P., Mara and Roy J.

For nine years Mr. Thomas filled the office of justice of the peace and the prompt and faithful manner in which he has ever discharged his duties has won him the confidence and commendation of all concerned. He is a stanch Republican, having voted for that party since he cast his first ballot for Fremont in 1856. He has also been judge of elections, acting in that capacity throughout the period of the Civil war. His fellow townsmen have often solicited him to become a candidate for county offices but he has always refused, preferring to devote his time and energies to his business interests in which he has met with very gratifying success.

Under the call of then Governor Tod, of Ohio, for minute-men to protect the state at the time that General Kirby Smith was in Kentucky and threatening Cincinnati, our subject went as a private to the defense of that city and when the danger was over returned. In 1861, our subject belonged to the state militia, served as captain and retained that position until they were honorably discharged.

JOHN W. YEISLEY.

Rev. John William Yeisley, pastor of the Reformed church at Saint Paris, was born in Millmont, Union county, Pennsylvania, May 17, 1866, and is a son of Elias and Rebecca (Lenig) Yeisley, natives of Pennsylvania and of German descent. The family is an old colonial one and was founded in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, prior to the Revolutionary war, and some of its descendants still reside there. The father of our subject followed the tilling of the soil as a life occupation and was a loyal soldier in the Civil war. He became the father of six children, three of whom are still living. The mother was called to

her final rest in 1901, she having been a member of the Lutheran faith.

The boyhood days of John W. Yeisley were passed upon the farm, and in the public schools in Union county he received his elementary education. His knowledge gained therein was later supplemented by a course in the Central Pennsylvania College, of New Berlin, that state, in which he spent three years, and during the succeeding year he pursued his theological studies in the Reformed Episcopal Seminary, at Philadelphia. He next entered the Heidelberg Seminary, at Tiffin, Ohio, in which he also spent one year. For a similar period he was a student in Wittenberg Seminary. During these three years he regularly filled appointments as a student supply. He was licensed to preach at Hamilton, Ohio, in 1898, and a few days later, on the 17th of May, was ordained at Saint Paris, by Rev. D. Burghlater, now editor of the Christian World, the official organ of the church in the middle states, and by Rev. F. W. Hoffman, pastor of the First church at Tiffin, Ohio. In 1896 Rev. Yeisley came to Saint Paris as a student supply to the Tremont City charge, which he now serves and which includes three preaching stations. He has been eminently successful in his ministerial work here, as is shown by the fact that when he took charge of the church it numbered one hundred and thirty-seven members, but by indefatigable work he has increased the membership to nearly five hundred members, while in addition he has also greatly developed the financial condition of the church, the property being now worth several thousand dollars more than when he took charge. He now has plans under way for the erection of a new church building at Saint Paris, which he hopes to carry out in the near future.

Rev. Yeisley is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Saint Paris Lodge, No. 246, and with its Rebekah auxiliary at Saint Paris. He is also a member of the Crystal Lodge of the Knights of Pythias at York, Pennsylvania, the Junior Order of United

American Mechanics at Tremont City, Ohio, and the Daughters of Pocahontas at Saint Paris. In Redmanship he is past sachem of Washeaugah Tribe of Saint Paris, and also chapiain general, with the rank of brigadier general, in the Red Men's League of Ohio. He is undoubtedly the best known speaker in the order, and has lectured extensively in nearly all of the states of the Union in the interest of the organization. He is now writing a book, which when published will be known as the "Popular History of Redmanship." In temperance work he has always evinced a commendable interest, working untiringly to minimize the evil of intemperance, which blights wherever its touch is laid. He is a member of the state executive committee of the Prohibition party in Ohio, also a member and secretary of the state central committee and chairman of the Champaign county committee. In this line of work he has lectured extensively throughout the country, and has also lectured in connection with the Women's Christian Temperance Union on "The Use and Abuse of Tobacco." He has written a book entitled "Tobacco and My Child," and has in course of preparation several other works. Throughout his life he has had an extensive acquaintance with the book publishing business, and before entering the ministry served as editor and manager of several papers in Pennsylvania. He is now the principal owner and manager of the Cornerstone Publishing Company, capitalized at fifteen thousand dollars, which is operated under the laws of New Jersey. The company own and publish four papers,—The Reform Review, the Saint Paris Era-Dispatch, the Saint Paris News and the Corner Stone, the latter being the official organ of the Prohibition party in Ohio. The company employ a working force of sixteen people. Rev. Yeisley is a forceful writer, keen and penetrating in his style, persistent and conservative in thought and has the courage of his convictions in whatever he champions. As a speaker he is concise and clear, nature having endowed him with the grace of oratory. His life

has been a laborious one, he having labored for years under the disadvantages of debt incurred to obtain an education, but by his persistence and enterprise he overcame all obstacles that obstructed his way and the future undoubtedly has in store for him still higher successes.

ISAAC HALTERMAN

The pioneer history of Champaign county has upon its roll the name of Isaac Halterman, who throughout his entire life has resided within its borders and is one of its oldest residents. He was born in Adams township, Champaign county, on the farm on which he now resides, May 7, 1825. His father, George Halterman, was born in Virginia, in 1788, and was a son of Charles and Elizabeth (Huffman) Halterman. Charles Halterman was also a native of the Old Dominion, a Whig in his political views and during the Revolutionary war served as a Hessian soldier. George Halterman, the father of our subject, was reared in the place of his nativity, but in 1817 left his southern home for the Buckeye state, and about 1822 located on a portion of the farm which our subject still owns. The tract then consisted of seventy-eight acres, and this he cleared and improved. He gave his political support to the Democracy, and his death occurred on his old home farm the 17th of January, 1876. Ere leaving the Old Dominion he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Rexroad, a native also of Virginia, where she was reared and educated. Eight children were born unto that union,—Eleanor, Samuel, Isaac, Sarah, Jane, Marguerite and Lewis, twins, and Elizabeth. With the exception of the eldest, who was a native of Virginia, all were born on the old home farm in this county, and all are now living except the two eldest.

Isaac Halterman, of this review, assumed control of the Halterman homestead fifteen years before his father's death, during which time he cleared about twenty acres and added many valuable improvements to the farm. This has been his home throughout his entire life, and as prosperity has rewarded his well directed efforts he has added to its boundaries until it now contains one hundred and two acres of rich and productive land. By perseverance, industry, economy and good management he has attained a position among the substantial agriculturists of the community, and his worth is widely acknowledged by those who are familiar with his honorable business methods.

In the year 1851 was ecelebrated the marriage of Mr. Halterman and Miss Sarah Jane Hall. She is a native of Adams township, Champaign county, where she was born on the 31st of May, 1833, a daughter of German and Ruth (Newcomb) Hall, early settlers of this county, and here they both died. Of their nine children Mrs. Halterman was the second in order of birth. She was called to her final rest on the 13th of December, 1899, leaving ten children,—Mary, Emily, Calra Ruth, George Riley, Marguerite Ann, Eliza Jane, Dora Elizabeth, Joseph Thomas, Ida Pearl, Charles E. and Shepherd Clyde, all born on the old home farm. The Democracy receives Mr. Halterman's hearty support and co-operation, fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the A. H. T., of Rosewood, and was formerly identified with the Grange. His religious preference is indicated by his membership in the Christian church, at Carysville, in which he is an active worker.

ASA N. SCOTT.

Asa N. Scott, a representative farmer and citizen of Johnson township, Champaign county, was born in Adams township, this county, August 24, 1857. He was named for his paternal grandfather, who was a

native of Trenton, New Jersey, born March 2, 1793. In that place the grandfather was reared and educated and he was also married in the east to Mary White and had a family of four children, when he came to Ohio, settling in Miami county, about 1830. Seven years later he came to Champaign county, where he cleared and developed a farm. Two of his children are now deceased, Harvey and James, the former having died in August, 1891, the surviving members of the family are Hannah B. and Jasper. The latter was the father of our subject. He became a well known farmer of Johnson township, where he successfully carried on the tilling of the soil for many years. He was born in Huntington, New Jersey, February 25, 1825, and was about four years old when brought by his parents to Ohio, coming to Champaign county when a youth of eleven years. Here he was reared and educated, remaining at home until thirty-three years of age, when he removed to Adams township, where he purchased two hundred and twenty-two acres of rich land. He cleared most of this and made his home thereon for fifteen years when he returned to the old farm homestead in Johnson township, purchasing the interest of the other heirs in the property. He devoted his attention not only to raising of grain, but also carried on the raising of fine stock quite extensively and conducted a dairy business. He married Cordelia Corey, who was born October 29, 1855, in Steuben county, New York, coming to Ohio with her parents when a young lady. The family located in Miami county, but she was living in Shelby county at the time of her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Scott became the parents of three children: Asa N., Emerson and Rosey, the two last mentioned being deceased.

Asa N. Scott was a youth of fourteen years when the family removed to the farm which is yet his home. In his youth he became familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He was married in Shelby county in 1882, to Jennie E. Flow-

ers, who was born in Jackson township, Champaign county, September 10, 1865, and there resided until she was four years of age, when she, with her people, removed to Shelby county, where she remained until her marriage. Her father, Charles Flowers, was a native of New Jersey, born in 1822, and on removing westward took up his abode in Champaign county in 1832, making his home in Jackson township, on what is known as the H. H. Bucourt farm. There he remained for some time, but afterward removed to Indiana, where he purchased land. When he again came to Ohio his father was dead and he bought the interest of the other heirs in the old home property. Later, however, he sold this and went to Miami county, and there again bought and sold a farm, his next place of residence being Shelby county, where he is now living. He was married in Champaign county to Lucy Wert, who was born and reared in Trenton, New Jersey, and became a resident of Shelby county when twenty-one years of age. In their family were four children: Mattie, Theodore, Sarah and Mrs. Scott, all born in Champaign county.

After his marriage Mr. Scott removed with his bride to Adams township, locating upon a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of land belonging to his mother. There he remained for five years, clearing the land and making some good improvements thereon. He next came to his present farm in Johnson township and now has two hundred and fifty-eight and one-half acres of valuable land all under a high state of cultivation, while the father has one hundred and seventy-four acres of improved land. Mr. Scott is an enterprising agriculturist and the neat and thrifty appearance of his place is an indication of the diligence and energy which has ever characterized his career. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Scott has been blessed with two children: Harley Emerson, who was born in Adams township, April 30, 1883, and Jasper Leon, who was born in Johnson township, June 23, 1890.

Mr. Scott is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle and also holds membership relations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Like his father, he is a Republican, unfaltering in his advocacy of the principles of the party, and is a public spirited man, deeply interested in everything pertaining to the welfare and progress of his community. His entire life has been devoted to farming interests and he is well known and progressive agriculturist of his native county.

THOMAS MALANCTHON GAUMER.

Back to patriot sires and model matrons Thomas Malancthon Gaumer traced his descent, and justly cherished a pride of birth which begot potent purpose and unfaltering effort to maintain, and perchance exalt, through the mediums of medicine and journalism, an enviable ancestral record.

Thomas Malancthon Gaumer was born in Adamsville, Ohio, February 2, 1848, a son of Jonathan and Mahala (Barrett) Gaumer, a grandson of Daniel Gaumer, and great-grandson of Jacob Gaumer. Jacob Gaumer was born in Pennsylvania, and in his country's time of need left his farm and those dear to him and followed the martial fortunes of Washington from Fort Du Quesne to Yorktown. In 1806 he removed from Pennsylvania to Muskingum county, Ohio, where his death occurred in 1824. Daniel Gaumer was also born in Pennsylvania, and emigrated to Ohio in 1809, his death occurring in 1859. Jonathan Gaumer was born in Ohio, and devoted his entire life to agriculture, and his death occurred in 1859. To himself and wife were born the following children: Thomas M.; Charles N., a prominent citizen and newspaper man of Mansfield, Ohio; Hannah J.; Rachel V.; Daniel H., who is deceased; Mary; Martha; and Cidda.

While still young in years Thomas Malancthon removed with his parents to a farm in Muskingum county, which continued to be his home until 1876. He was educated in the public schools and at Denison University at Granville, and subsequently taught school for a number of years. Having determined to devote his life to the practice of medicine he entered the Ohio Medical College of Cincinnati, and graduated therefrom in 1876. The year previous he married Eliza M., daughter of Barton and Julia (Walker) Cone, and thus became allied with a family as meritorious as his own. Barton Cone was born in Monroe township, Muskingum county, Ohio, August 23, 1824, and was a son of Jared Cone, a pioneer of Muskingum county. Jared Cone, son of Jared, son of Mathew, son of Jared, son of Daniel, the latter of whom was born in Edinburg, Scotland, in 1626. Daniel Cone came to America with two brothers in 1660 and settled in Haddam, Connecticut, where he died in 1706. Mrs. Gaumer's paternal grandmother, Eliza (Schoff) Cone, was a daughter of Philip Schoff, one of the heroes of the Revolution.

After his marriage and graduation Mr. Gaumer located in Wyandot county, Ohio, and after practicing medicine for a time removed to Adamsville, which continued to be his home until 1882. In the meantime his aspirations had undergone a change, and he seems to have found less in his profession than he expected. At any rate, after weighing the chances, he decided in favor of journalism, and henceforward medical science knew him only as an erstwhile practitioner. After purchasing the Champaign Democrat, at Urbana, he edited and published the same for about a year, and then, in partnership with his brother, D. H. Gaumer, ran the Zanesville Signal, a daily paper. Upon disposing of his interest in the Signal in 1887, he re-purchased the Champaign Democrat, and from then until the time of his death, September 30, 1893, his energies were devoted to making of this sheet a practical and inter-

esting news dispenser. He was a stanch Democrat, a keen observer of men and events, and had the faculty of finding out what the public wanted to know. His editorials evinced a world of common sense, and an intelligent understanding of all sides of prevailing public conditions. He was a member of the Lutheran church, and was fraternally associated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife, who survives him, is the mother of three sons, Charles Edmund, Frank Cone and Bruce Barton. Charles Edmund is editor and owner of the Middletown (Ohio) Daily Signal, and inherits much of his father's ability as a newspaper man. The two younger sons and their mother own and publish the Champaign Democrat, of which Frank C. is editor and manager. He is one of the most promising young journalists in Champaign county, and is exceedingly popular in social and business circles. He also is identified with the Odd Fellows. Mrs. Gaumer is a member of the Baptist church, and is a woman of fine personality, and sterling qualities of heart and mind.

JACOB S. SARVER.

As one reviews the history of the county and looks into the past to see who were prominent in its early development he will find that almost throughout the entire century the name of Sarver has been closely connected with the progress and advancement of this section of the state. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Jacob Sarver, was one of the first to take up his abode in Champaign county, and on his arrival here he located on the farm on which his son Jacob now resides. Here he cleared and improved two hundred and ten acres, and on this valuable homestead spent the remainder of his life. He was married in Virginia to Nancy Robinson, who was born and reared in that common-

wealth, and after her marriage made the journey with her husband to this state on horseback. On their way here they passed through the present city of Urbana, but it then contained but one log cabin, and wild was the region in which they settled. Six children were born unto this worthy couple, and with the exception of one all were born in Champaign county.

Jacob Sarver, the father of him whose name introduces this review, was born on the farm on which he now resides in 1816, and here he has spent his entire life. He assisted his father in clearing and cultivating the land until the latter's death, after which he assumed entire charge of the place, and here he has since been engaged in farming and sheep-raising. He has ever been an active worker in the ranks of the Republican party, and on its ticket he has been elected to many of the township offices. He has been a member of the United Brethren church for many years and materially assisted in the erection of the church of that denomination at Salem.

Jacob S. Sarver, the immediate subject of this review, is a native son of Harrison township, Champaign county, his birth here occurring on the 25th of June, 1847. He assisted in the work of the old home farm until twenty-one years of age, and for the following four or five years operated a thresher in this county, during which time he still remained under the parental roof. For one year thereafter he remained on his father-in-law's farm in Concord township, and on the expiration of that period took up his abode on his present farm of eighty acres, which he has since cleared and placed under an excellent state of cultivation, the many valuable improvements thereon standing as monuments to his thrift and ability. While attending to the many duties of his farm he has also found time to devote to public affairs, and for eleven years served his township with efficiency as a trustee, while in 1892 he was made a county commissioner, remaining an incumbent of that important

position for six years and nine months. The Republican party receives his active support and co-operation.

In Concord township, Champaign county, Mr. Sarver was united in marriage to Enda Johnson, who was born, reared and educated in that township, and is a daughter of Levi Johnson. Five children, three sons and two daughters, have been born unto this union, namely: William J.; Ardella May, the wife of Duncan Russell, a prominent farmer of Adams township; Alvey B.; Pearl; and Carry, the wife of William Madden, a farmer near Urbana. All were born and reared in this county. In his social relations Mr. Sarver is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Rebekah order at Crayton, of the Red Men at Millerstown and of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. The family are members of the Methodist church at Crayon, and Mr. Sarver was a member of its building committee.

BENJAMIN M. MADDEN.

Classed among the substantial and highly respected agriculturists of Champaign county is Benjamin M. Madden. He was born in Auglaize county, Ohio, August 4, 1854, and is a son of William Madden, a native of Harrison county, Virginia. When a young man the latter came to Ohio, and for the following two years worked in a still-house in Champaign county, receiving nine dollars a month in compensation for his services, and for a similar period he was also employed by Governor Vance. In the latter position he did not receive any compensation for his services until the two years had expired. He next went to Auglaize county, and thence came to Champaign county. Here he was united in

marriage to Charity Moffitt, a native of the county and a daughter of Nathan Moffitt, one of the early pioneers of the locality. With his bride Mr. Madden returned to Auglaize county, where he cleared and improved a large farm, and there his wife died at the age of forty-two years. Coming thence to Champaign county, he made his home on a farm here until his death, which occurred when he had reached the seventy-fourth milestone on the journey of life. His political support was given to the Democratic party. Two of his brothers also came to Champaign county from Virginia.

Benjamin Madden, his parents' only child, was but four days old when his mother died, and he was reared by his aunt, Miss Hannah Moffit, who afterward became his father's wife. When a small child he was brought to Champaign county, and when the time came for him to assume the responsibilities of life he located on a farm in Salem township, near where he now lives. As the years have passed by prosperity has rewarded his efforts and he is now the owner of three valuable farms, containing, in all, four hundred and sixty acres, and there he is engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He is a thorough farmer and excellent financier, progressive in his methods and earnest in his desire to promote the well being of his neighbors and the community in general. In politics he is a true Democrat.

In 1877 Mr. Madden was united in marriage to Jennie Hoagland, a daughter of Samuel and Emily Agnes (Walker) Hoagland, the former a native of Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Yellow Springs, Clark county, Ohio. Of the eleven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hoagland, seven sons and four daughters, ten grew to years of maturity, and Mrs. Madden is the third child and eldest daughter in order of birth. She was born and reared in Clark county, Ohio, and by her marriage to Mr. Madden became the mother of five children, namely: Bessie, deceased; William H., who married Carrie Sarver and

resides in Champaign county; and Dessie H., Forest E. and Benjamin Grover, at home. The family are among the most honored residents of Champaign county.

JONATHAN THATCHER, M. D.

Both as an educator and as a medical practitioner has Dr. Jonathan Thatcher won distinction, and he enjoys an extensive and remunerative practice. He is progressive in all his methods, constantly reading and studying, and keeps in close touch with the spirit of the times. His paternal grandfather, Jonathan Thatcher, was what is known as a German Quaker, and his wife was also a member of that faith. Samuel Thatcher, the father of our subject, was a native of the Old Dominion, and was there reared in Berkeley county. When about twenty-one years of age he came to Greene county, Ohio, and in Greene, Champaign and Miami counties followed the teacher's profession, during a part of which time he taught in the old stone school house located on the farm of James Reid, where the latter's son, Whitelaw, was enrolled among his pupils and where he and our subject were schoolmates. Throughout his active business career Mr. Thatcher's name was inseparably interwoven with the history of the educational interests of the Buckeye state. His broad intelligence, scholarly attainments and full appreciation of the value of knowledge as a preparation for life's responsibilities made him an able educator, and he stood in the front rank of his profession. He was a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he long served as a steward and class-leader, and until the Douglas campaign gave his political support to the Democracy, after which he upheld the principles of the Republican party. His life's labors were ended in death when he reached the fifty-ninth milestone on the journey of life.

Jonathan Thatcher M. D. and Wife.

As a companion on the journey of life Mr. Thatcher chose Miss Emily Beach, a native daughter of the Buckeye state, her birth having probably occurred in Ross county. Her father, who was a sailor by profession, was lost at sea, and her mother was killed by lightning. Seven children were born unto the union of Mr. and Mrs. Thatcher, five sons and two daughters, namely: Martena, deceased; Jonathan, of this review; Matilda, deceased; George W., who laid down his life on the altar of his country; Samuel B., who is employed as overseer of a landed estate of about eighteen hundred acres in Iosco county, Michigan, and who also served as engineer of public roads in the northern peninsula of that state; John S., a farmer of Charlevoix county, Michigan, and his twin brother died in infancy.

Jonathan Thatcher, of this review, was born in Piqua, Miami county, Ohio, November 6, 1840, and in his youth removed with the family to Greene county, this state, where he received his mental training under his father's able direction. Later he became a student in the high school of Cedarville, Greene county, in which he was graduated in 1857, and immediately afterward began pedagogic work, his first school having been at Westville, Ohio, in which he taught during the winter of 1857-8. When the tocsin of war sounded and men from all parts of the country took up arms in defense of the cause Mr. Thatcher nobly put aside all personal considerations and in 1861 enlisted in Company K, Fifty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, but after one year spent as a defender of the stars and stripes was discharged on account of disability. The Thatcher family were well represented in that struggle, nine of its members having enlisted, and but one of the number was killed. Three of our subject's brothers served their country from 1861 until the close of the conflict in 1865.

After the close of the war Dr. Thatcher came to Champaign county, where he again took up the profession of teaching, and at the same time

resumed the study of medicine, which he had begun prior to leaving for the army, following the dual occupation until 1863. In that year he entered the Physicians and Physio-Medical College of Cincinnati, graduating in that institution in 1864, and for the following six months followed the practice of his chosen profession in Donnelsville, Clark county, Ohio, while for the succeeding thirteen years he was a medical practitioner at Miami City. Since that time he has been a member of the profession in Champaign county, where he now enjoys an extensive and lucrative practice. During the twenty-six years which mark the period of his residence in the county he has been numbered among the talented members of the profession, and during that time has done much to elevate the standard of medical excellence therein. He was formerly a member of the West End Medical Society and of the Miami County Medical Society. In his fraternal relations he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Saint Paris and of the encampment at Christiansburg. For thirty-five years he has been a local minister in the Methodist Episcopal church, and is now serving as a steward and trustee therein, the cause of Christianity ever finding in him a firm friend and zealous worker.

On the 20th of August, 1863, Dr. Thatcher was united in marriage to Sarah Jane Hall, who was born in Champaign county, May 9, 1840, a daughter of John and Sarah (Clark) Hall. The father was a native of Virginia, but before reaching his twenty-first year came to this county, and here his death occurred at the age of eighty years. His wife came to the county in her girlhood. The former was of Welsh and the latter of German descent. Of their twelve children Mrs. Thatcher is the only daughter now living, but she has one brother, Captain Flenimon Hall, a retired farmer near Murfreesboro, Tennessee. During the Civil war he served for two years as a member of the Ninety-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was captain of his company. Another brother,

John W. Hall, served as a defender of the starry banner from 1861 until 1864, and he was then called upon to sacrifice his life in his country's cause. Four children have graced the union of our subject and wife, namely: Alva C., who follows agricultural pursuits, and he was united in marriage to Cora Kiser, the only daughter of D. Kiser, of Concord township, Champaign county; Mary Pearl, the wife of William W. Offenbacher, a merchant of Westville, Ohio; Bessie G., the wife of F. R. Pound, a stockholder in and foreman of the "Famous Overall" factory at Urbana; and Lloyd, who is engaged in the drug business and is still at home with his parents. The Doctor has one of the most beautiful homes in Champaign county, it being a large brick residence located two and a half miles east of Saint Paris, on the Urbana and Saint Paris pike road. It is modern in all its appointments, and has telephone connections with the surrounding towns. Public-spirited and progressive in all his ideas, Dr. Thatcher lends his influence to all measures which he believes useful to the majority and is at all times an earnest and patriotic citizen.

WILLIAM THOMPSON.

A most exemplary citizen and an honored hero of the late war of the Rebellion is William Thompson, of Wayne township, Champaign county. During his army carer he was always found true to the duties imposed upon him and won the confidence and high regard of his comrades and superior officers, while in business life and social relations he has ever manifested the same justice, integrity and reliability and none know him but to wish him well.

William Thompson is a native of this locality, his birth having here occurred on the 4th of March, 1841. His father, Abraham Thomp-

son, was born in Brown county, Ohio, and there married to Susan Middleton, also a native of that locality. After his marriage he located with his bride on a farm in Wayne township, Champaign county, and there his death occurred when he had reached the age of forty-five years, leaving his widow with a family of eight children, five sons and three daughters, to support, the eldest child being then sixteen years of age, while the youngest was but six months old, and their landed possessions then consisted of but six acres. William, of this review, was the fifth child and third son in order of birth, and he was about nine years of age when his father died. When a small boy he began assisting his mother in the care of the home farm, and remained under the parental roof until the inauguration of the Civil war, when, in 1861, he became a member of Company A, Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Two years later he re-enlisted in the same company and regiment, in which he served until the close of the struggle, and during his military career took part in many of the important battles of the war, including those of Port Royal, Channel, Gun Town, Tarleton, Gettysburg, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Ringgold, Cedar Mountain, Slaughter Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, the siege of Atlanta and with General Sherman to the sea. Although he was never wounded he was confined in a hospital for a time, but during the most of his army career was in active service. After participating in the grand review at Washington, D. C., he was honorably discharged in June, 1865.

Returning thence to his native county, Mr. Thompson resumed the quiet and peaceful duties of the farm. After his marriage he located on the farm on which he now resides. On the 6th of April, 1864, he was united in marriage to Catherine Morgan, a native of Coshocton county, Ohio, and a daughter of John and Sarah (Foster) Morgan, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Ireland. When eleven years of age the mother came with her parents to America. Four

children have blessed the union of our subject and wife, but one, William, is deceased. Edward married Flora Turpie, a native of North Lewisburg, Champaign county, and a daughter of James and Mary (West) Turpie. Mattie is the wife of Lank Worthington, of Plain City, Madison county, Ohio. Sallie is the wife of Joseph Clark, of Macksville, Kansas. Mr. Thompson is a member of the Grand Army Post, in which he holds pleasant relations with his old army conrades of the blue, and he is a member of the committee appointed to look after the wants of the old soldiers. His political support is given to the Republican party, and on its ticket he was elected to the office of constable for many years. His first presidential vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln in 1864, in Tennessee, and he has ever since remained a loyal supporter of Republican principles.

MARTIN M. DICKINSON.

For many years an honored and highly respected citizen of Champaign county, the name of M. M. Dickinson is well deserving a place in a volume which contains the works of the county's most substantial business man. Throughout his career he made an untarnished record and unspotted reputation in industrial circles, and in all places and under all circumstances he was loyal to truth, honor and the right.

Mr. Dickinson was born in Logan county, Ohio, February 20, 1820. His father, Thomas Dickinson, was born near the line which separates the states of Virginia and Pennsylvania, but in a very early day removed to Logan county, Ohio, locating on a farm in the dense woods. His death there occurred in his ninety-first year. He was reared in the Quaker faith. The mother of our subject, who bore the maiden name of Maria Lowe, was a native of Virginia, and she was called to her final rest

at the age of seventy-five years. Their son and the subject of this review, was born in the little log cabin in which the family first settled on coming to Logan county, and the primitive schools of the neighborhood he received his early education. In his youth he learned the blacksmith's trade, and sixteen years followed that occupation as a means of livelihood, a part of that time having been located at Zanesfield. In 1861 he came to Champaign county, securing a farm in Salem township, and during the remainder of his life time there followed agricultural pursuits. His career was ended by death on the 10th of December, 1900, in his eighty-first year, he being born February 20, 1820, and he passed away in the faith of the Presbyterian church, of which he was a worthy and consistent member. His was a long, active, useful and honorable life, and his name is indelibly inscribed on the pages of Champaign county's history. In political matters he gave a stanch and unswerving support to the principles of the Republican party.

As a companion on the journey of life Mr. Dickinson chose Margaret Rea, and she was born in what is now East Liberty, Ohio, October 6, 1820. Her father, Robert Rea, was a native of the Old Dominion, but in boyhood was taken to Logan county, Ohio. After his marriage he located on a farm on Mill creek, where he followed the tilling of the soil until his life's labors were ended in death, when he had reached his eighty-second year. He, too, was a member of the Quaker faith. His wife, formerly Polly Grubbs, came from Virginia, her native place, to Logan county, Ohio, in her girlhood, and her death occurred at the age of fifty-one years, passing away in the faith of the Baptist church. Unto this worthy couple were born ten children, five sons and five daughters, of whom Mrs. Dickinson was the eldest in order of birth, and she was reared in Logan county. On the 6th of November, 1841, she gave her hand in marriage to M. M. Dickinson, and they became the parents of five children, namely: Samantha, the wife of Charles Fox, of Wayne

township, who has four children, Vause, Martin, Ralph and Bessie; Louisa, the deceased wife of William Madden, by whom she had three children, Frederick, Nathaniel and Mary; Adelia, the wife of James Yore, who has four sons, two, Richard B. and Lewis, by a former marriage, and two by the second union, Burnett and Martin; Ray, who is married and has three children, Sylvester, Nettie and Louisa; and Cora V., the wife of Ora A. Garard, who has seven children, Margaret, Fay, Virginia, Estella, Louise, John Ralph and Alpha. Mrs. Dickinson resides at her pleasant home in Salem township, where she owns one hundred and thirty acres of rich and productive land, the cultivation of which is carried on by her grandson. She is a worthy member of the Presbyterian church.

JACOB DAGGER.

The Dagger family is one of the oldest in Champaign county and has been noted for many years for the sterling straits that are so characteristic of the subject of this sketch. They were among the first to locate in Concord township, this county, and there Jacob Dagger was born on the 2d of November, 1856. His father, Charles Dagger, was also born and reared in that township, and his sketch will be found elsewhere in this volume. Jacob, the fourth child and second son in his parents' family of ten children, was early inured to the labors of the farm, assisting his father in the cultivation of the home place during the summer months, while in the winter seasons he attended the district schools of the neighborhood. In 1891 he took up his abode in Wayne township, and after his arrival here purchased his present farm of two hundred acres. He has been identified with agricultural pursuits from his youth up and has made a success of his enterprises in this line. He has greatly improved his

place, and his is now one of the valuable homesteads of the township. At the present time he is the candidate for the nomination for county commissioner on the Republican ticket. In his social relations he is a member of the Golden Eagle and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Cable, of the encampment at Woodstock, of the Junior Order of American Mechanics at Urbana, Mad River Council, No. 56, of the Patrons of Husbandry Grange at Reynolds. He is also a member of the Baptist church at Kings Creek, in which he has served as trustee.

In October, 1882, Mr. Dagger was united in marriage to Miss Ida Norman, a native of Johnson township, Champaign county, Ohio. Her mother died when she was a child, and her death occurred May 7, 1897, leaving three sons, Lawrence E., Golden N. and Rolly D., all at home. Since attaining to years of maturity Mr. Dagger has given an active support to the principles of the Republican party, and has ever taken an active interest in the welfare and development of his locality. He is broad in his views and liberal in his judgments, strong in his convictions and earnest in his opinions, but he has a social disposition, courteous and genial manner, and throughout the county in which his entire life has been passed he has a host of warm friends.

ANDREWS WILSON.

The name of Andrews Wilson is enduringly inscribed on the pages of Ohio's history in connection with her honored pioneers. He was born in Urbana township, Champaign county, December 3, 1813. His father, William Wilson, was a native of county Tyrone, Ireland, born September 25, 1780, and when sixteen years of age came with his parents, James and Rebecca Wilson, to this country, the voyage consuming six

Barbara Wilson

weeks. They, too, were natives of the green isle of Erin, and were the parents of five children, three sons and two daughters, and all were born in Ireland. After their arrival in this country the family first located in Virginia, thence to Clark county, Ohio, there remaining until 1808, when they took up their abode in Harrison township, Champaign county, one and a half miles west of our subject's present place of residence. They afterward spent three years in Urbana township.

William Wilson, the father of our subject, accompanied his parents on their various removals, and from the age of fourteen years fought the stern battle of life for himself. His death occurrel in Harrison township, Champaign county, on the 11th of November, 1836. He was married in Greenbrier county, Virginia, to Rebecca Humphrey, a native of Ireland. When she was but two years of age she was brought by her parents to the United States, the family locating in Virginia, where she was reared and married. Unto this worthy couple were born eight children: Mary, James, Andrews, William, Margaret, John R., Adams and Rebecca. With the exception of the eldest daughter all were born in Champaign county, Ohio, and all are now deceased but our subject and his brother William.

When but three years of age Andrews Wilson was brought to the farm on which he now resides, and when about sixteen years of age he accompanied the family on their removal to another farm in the same township, but on account of the impure water there they returned to this place. The original boundaries of the farm have been increased until the tract now contains one hundred and fifty-seven acres, all of which is under an excellent state of cultivation and adorned with substantial and valuable improvements. When the family first located here the Indians would camp near their home, and at one time an Indian and British attack was expected, but it was afterward learned that the rumor was without foundation. For three generations, including the grandfather,

father and subject, they have supported the principles of the Republican party, but the latter's first presidential vote was cast for Harrison in 1840. He has served his township as trustee, and has ever been active in all measures and movements intended for the general good.

The marriage of Mr. Wilson was celebrated in 1846, when Miss Elizabeth Jane Wright became his wife. She is a native of the Old Dominion, as were also her mother and father. Unto this union have been born the following children: Sarah Jane, Virginia, Hamilton, Selestine, Martha, Mary Ann, Benjamin, Harry and Ellen, all born on the old homestead in Champaign county; one child, named Charles Franklin, died in infancy, and two of the others, Selestine and Ellen, are now also deceased. The family are members of the Presbyterian and Methodist Episcopal churches. Mr. Wilson is now the oldest native born resident of Champaign county. In all the relations of life he has ever been faithful and true, and in his life work no shadow of wrong and suspicion of evil doing darkens his honored pathway.

BENJAMIN F. MILLER.

Honored and respected by all, Benjamin F. Miller has for many years been identified with the agricultural interests of Champaign county. He was born in Salem township, this county, on the 8th of August, 1852. His father, Joseph Miller, traced his nativity to the Old Dominion, his birth there occurring in Page county, but when a young man he made the journey to Champaign county, Ohio, on horseback, and here his death occurred on the 9th of December, 1902, at the age of seventy-eight years. He drove the last spike on the Sandusky division of the Big Four Railroad. He was a leading member of the Baptist church, in

which he was an active worker and liberal contributor, and for many years served his church as a deacon. He was one of the promoters of the Kings Creek church. He was descended from a prominent old Virginia family, and his father, Henry Miller, who was of German descent, was there called to his final rest. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Fannie Herr, and she claimed Pennsylvania as the state of her nativity. When a child she came with her parents to Ohio, and now lives on the old state road in Salem township.

Benjamin F. Miller, the eldest of his parents' nine children, received his elementary education in the common schools of his neighborhood, afterward attended the high school at Urbana and also took a business course in the A. DeWitt Business College, of Dayton, Ohio. He began his business life in Union county, Ohio, near Milford Center, where for eleven years he was engaged in the tilling of the soil, and on the expiration of that period came to the farm on which he now resides. His homestead consists of one hundred and thirty-seven acres of rich and fertile land, where he is engaged in general farming and stock-raising. In 1892 he erected the beautiful and commodious residence which now adorns his place, and this is one of the finest homes in the locality.

On the 13th of January, 1881, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Miller and Miss Mary G. McIlroy. She was born in Rush township, Champaign county, Ohio, August 17, 1857, and is a daughter of John and Clariet (Kimball) McIlroy. Her parents died before she was ten years old, and she was reared by her maternal grandfather, T. M. Kimball, in Champaign county, where she received a common-school education, and also attended the Normal schools of Lebanon and Urbana for a short time. She then taught school four years in Iowa and Ohio previous to her marriage. One daughter, Lois Marie, born June 6, 1885, is now attending the high school at Urbana and expects to graduate next spring. Mr. Miller is a stanch Republican in his political views, and re-

ligiously is a member of the Baptist church at Kings Creek, in which he has served as a clerk for a number of years. Mrs. Miller and her daughter, Lois Marie, became members of the Christian Catholic church located at Zion City, Illinois, the former on April 7, 1899, and the daughter October 18, 1899. From an early day representatives of the Miller family have been among the leading citizens of Champaign county, and he of whom we write shows the same generous spirit of hospitality and progressiveness which has characterized the ancestral line.

WILLIAM BLOSE.

The subject of this sketch is numbered among the representative farmers of Mad River township, where he has passed the entire period of his life, being a member of one of the pioneer families of Champaign county, with whose history the name has been inseparably and honorably identified from the early days when was inaugurated the work of reclaiming the heavily timbered land for cultivation.

Mr. Blose was born in this township, on the 28th of September, 1845, being a son of Lewis Blose, who likewise was born in this township, in the year 1819, and was here reared and educated, passing his entire life in this township and devoting his attention to the noble art of agriculture from his youth up. He died at the age of sixty years, honored by all who knew him and recognized as one of the influential men of the community. In politics he was originally a Whig and later a Republican. He was a son of John Blose, who was born in Virginia, whence he emigrated to Ohio and became one of the early settlers in Champaign county, locating in the virgin forests of Mad River township and here passing the residue of his life, his death oc-

Missouri Blose

WILLIAM BLOSE.

curring when he was about sixty years of age. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Elizabeth Anderson, and she likewise was born in Mad River township, where her father, John Anderson, was one of the early settlers. She died at the age of seventy years. Her father was a native of Virginia, whence he came to Clark county, Ohio, where he remained for a time and then came to Champaign county, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death. Lewis and Elizabeth Blose became the parents of seven children, all of whom attained years of maturity, their names, in order of birth, being as follows: Margaret is deceased; William is the subject of this sketch; Mary C. is the widow of George Mauk and lives in Urbana township; John is a resident of Urbana township; Louisa is the wife of Lewis Cook, of Mad River township; Susan is the widow of Percival Kiser and is a resident of Tremont City, Clark county; and Emery T. is deceased.

William Blose grew up on the parental farmstead in Mad River township and in the district schools he received his early educational training. After his marrage, in 1866, Mr. Blose located on a farm in Urbana township, where he remained for a period of six years, after which, in 1872, he purchased a portion of his present homestead and has here maintained his residence since that time, the farm comprising one hundred and sixteen acres, in section 11, and being well improved and under an excellent state of cultivation. Our subject also devotes considerable attention to the raising of high-grade live stock, and his place is one which shows the evidences of the energy and progressive methods which have been brought to bear in its management. In politics Mr. Blose is Democratic in his views, but in local affairs casts his vote in support of the men he considers most eligible rather than being inflexibly partisan in the exercise of his franchise. Fraternally he is identified with Urbana Lodge, No. 46, I. O. O. F., and with

Magrew Lodge, No. 433, Knights of Pythias, of which he is a charter member, at Westville.

On the 29th of November, 1866, Mr. Blose was united in marriage to Miss Missouri Bechtel, who was born in Clark county, the daughter of Samuel and Christena (Sagers) Bechtel, both of whom were of German descent. To our subject and his wife have been born three children, namely: Minnie, who is deceased; Zella, who also is deceased; and Dollie, who is the wife of Henry L. Slager, manager of the Springfield Elastic Tread Company, manufacturers of rubber shoe-heels, of Springfield, Clark county.

AUGUSTUS M. ZIEGLER, M. D.

For many years Augustus M. Ziegler has been numbered among the leading physicians of Mingo, and is well deserving of a place in a volume which contains the histories of Champaign county's most substantial business men. On the paternal side the family is of German descent, and from that country they made the journey to the new world with William Penn, locating in Pennsylvania. John Ziegler, the grandfather of our subject, was born in that commonwealth, and his son, Jeremiah Ziegler, was born in Perry county, Ohio. The latter was a shoemaker by trade, and followed that occupation throughout his entire business career as a means of livelihood. His death occurred in Muskingum county, this state, on the 25th of February, 1881, when he had reached the age of seventy-two years. For his first wife he chose a Miss Overdear, who bore him two daughters and a son,—Amelia, the wife of Charles Dutoit, of Columbus; Josephine, the wife of Joseph Bugh, of Fultonham, Ohio; and John, who died in Champaign county,

Ohio. After her death he married Elizabeth Cullum, who was born in Baltimore, Maryland, but when fourteen years of age came with her parents to Muskingum county, Ohio. Her father, John Cullum, was also a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and was of Scotch descent. He was a miller by occupation, and prior to the Civil war owned many slaves. Mrs. Ziegler's death occurred in her seventy-seventh year. By her first marriage, to George Porter, she became the mother of two children, a son and a daughter, but the former died in infancy. The daughter, Olevia, is the wife of Henry Bugh, of Fultonham, Ohio. By her marriage to Mr. Ziegler seven children were born, five sons and two daughters, namely: Augustus M., of this review; Henry, a civil engineer at Fultonham, Ohio; George, a prominent farmer of Champaign county; Harry, a physician of Flat Rock, Illinois; Perry, a druggist of Columbus, Ohio; Mary, who died in infancy; and Harriet, who died on the 6th of December, 1891, when twenty-six years of age.

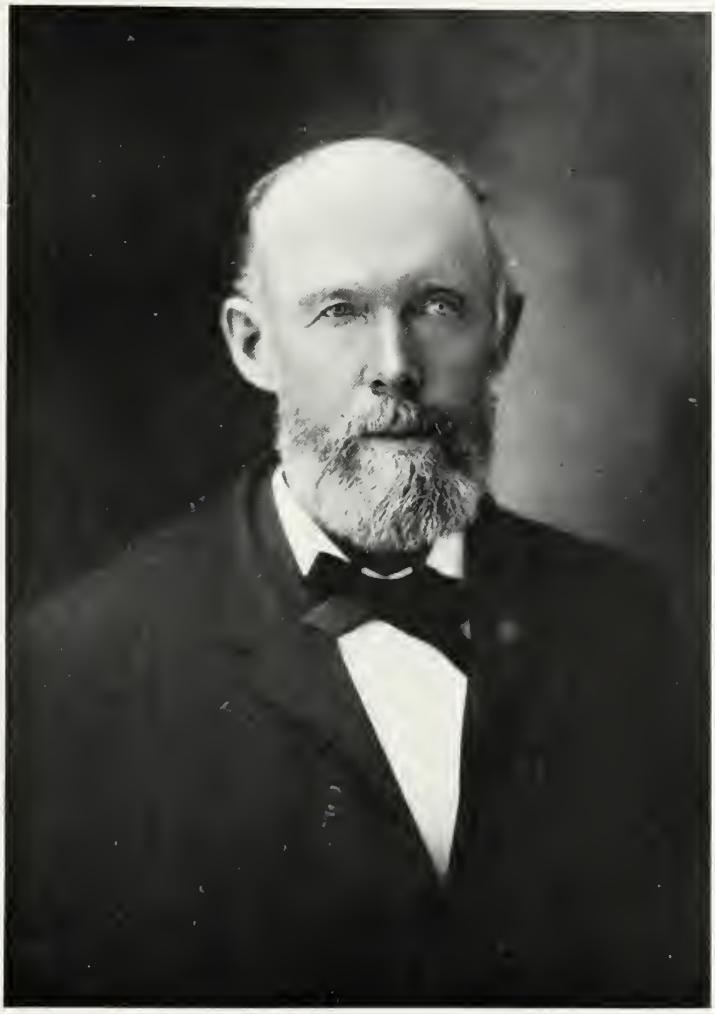
Augustus M. Ziegler, whose name introduces this review, was born in Fultonham, Muskingum county, Ohio, November 8, 1851, and to the pioneer school of that town he is indebted for the educational privileges which he received in his youth. After completing his education he again entered the schoolroom as an instructor, spending the first year in the schools of his native town. For the following two years he taught in the schools of New Comerstown, Ohio, while the succeeding year was spent as an instructor in Adamsville, Ohio, after which he returned to Fultonham. After remaining one year in his native city he taught in a school west of West Liberty. While following the teacher's profession he decided to make the practice of medicine his life work, and accordingly in 1876 entered the office of Dr. VanAtta, of Fultonham, and three years later, in 1879, entered the medical college of Columbus. He afterward matriculated in the Starling Medical College, in which he was graduated on the 25th of February, 1881, and from that year

until 1883 was engaged in the practice of his chosen profession at Kings Creek, Champaign county. In the latter year he located for practice in Urbana, where he remained until the fall of 1885, and since that time he has been numbered among the leading practitioners of Mingo, where he has built up a large and lucrative patronage. In addition to his large general practice he is examining physician for a number of insurance companies, and for fifteen years has been notary public. In his social relations he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, North Lewisburg Lodge, No. 546, and of the Masonic fraternity at the same place, Blazing Star blue lodge and Star Chapter.

In 1883 Dr. Ziegler was united in marriage to Mary Winters, the widow of David Winters and a daughter of John F. Rettberg, of Kings Creek. Four children have been born unto this union: Vaughan, born April 7, 1885; Naomi, born March 7, 1890; Ruth, born February 16, 1895; and John, born April 14, 1898. Dr. Ziegler gives a stanch support to the Republican party, and in all the varied relations of life he has been honorable, sincere and trustworthy, winning the praise and admiration of all with whom he has been associated.

JACOB HORR.

An enterprise in Mechanicsburg which represents in its rapid growth a vast amount of well directed energy and pronounced business sagacity is the lumber and coal business of Jacob Horr, one of the well known citizens of the town. Owing to his honest and careful methods of dealing with the general public Mr. Horr finds himself the recipient of a patronage gratifying from both a personal and financial standpoint, and a continued demand for his necessary commodities is a prediction



Jacob Horr

justified by the success of the past. So nearly were his first business expectations realized that in 1889 he broadened his interests to the extent of operating a well equipped saw and planing mill, and the combination thus effected has materially augmented the output of the yards.

With the exception of temporary absences, Mr. Horr has spent his entire life within the radius of his present surroundings, and he was born not far from Mechanicsburg, March 13, 1844. His parents, William and Mary (Coan) Horr, were born in Carthage, Jefferson county, New York, in which city they were married, and from there removed to Goshen township, this county, in 1837. As early pioneers of their locality they contributed much to the agricultural prosperity, and their well tilled farm continued to be their home for the remainder of their lives. Not the least meritorious of their many claims to the consideration of the community was the rearing to lives of usefulness of seven children, two of whom are now deceased. The children were taught the dignity and utility of a model farming existence, and educationally were permitted every advantage at the disposal of their parents. With his brothers and sisters Jacob Horr attended the public schools of Mechanicsburg, and further qualified for the future by taking a course in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, from which he graduated in the spring of 1866. His career at the university was interrupted in the spring of 1864, at which time he enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with the rank of corporal, and served until October of the same year. Although not a long service, he gained a fair knowledge of the horrors of war, and of the character of that grand and silent soldier, Grant, with whom he fought at and around Petersburg. Since the war he has been a member of the Stephen Baxter Post, No. 88, Grand Army of the Republic.

After completing his education Mr. Horr taught school for about four years, and then turned his attention to farming in the vicinity of

Mechanicsburg until 1886. During that year he saw an opening for a live business in coal and lumber, and wisely devoted his energies to the building up of his present lucrative industry. A large measure of success he attributes to the assistance of his wife and helpmate, who was formerly Sarah Magruder, and whom he married in Mechanicsburg in 1871. Of this union there is one daughter, Nellie, who is now the wife of John B. Outram, of Lippincott, Ohio. Mr. Horr is a Republican in national politics, but has never desired or accepted official recognition. He is a member of and generous contributor to the Methodist Episcopal church. The farming and stock-raising enterprises to which he devoted several years of his life are still maintained on a large scale, but in other respects he is identified with the energetic and resourceful life of the town which has benefited to no slight degree by his admirable citizenship.

THOMAS McCARTY.

One of the straightforward, energetic and successful agriculturists of Champaign county is Thomas McCarty, whose birth occurred in Rush township, this county, September 5, 1849. His father, James McCarty, was a native of Virginia, but became one of the early pioneers of Rush township, Champaign county, where he followed the tilling of the soil until his life's labors were ended by death, in Wayne township, when he had reached the age of sixty-nine years. He married Sarah Ann Lease, a native of Virginia, and they became the parents of four children, two sons and two daughters, Thomas, John, Elizabeth and Deborah. John by accident died when eight years of age.

Sarah Ann (Lease) McCarty, soon after the birth of Deborah, her fourth child, passed away, nearly fifty years ago. James McCarty then

married Nancy Johnson, by whom he had six children, three now living, two boys, George W. and William M., and Augusta, all of whom are married and settled in life.

Thomas McCarty, the eldest son and second child in the above family, was about four years of age when he was taken to Auglaize county, Ohio, there remaining for the following sixteen years, and since 1866 has made his home in Wayne township, Champaign county. In 1871 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Martha J. (Kimball) Chatfield. She was born three miles south of Woodstock, Rush township, Champaign county, May 15, 1843, and was the widow of David H. Chatfield and the daughter of T. M. and Mary (Fullington) Kimball. Her father was born in Vermont, but when thirteen years of age came with his mother to near Milford Center, Ohio, the journey being made with ox teams, and they located in Rush township. He lived to the good old age of nearly ninety-two years, being born April 1, 1803, and his death occurring December 18, 1894, in Champaign county, where he had located in a very early day. He gave his support to the Whig party in early life, but after the organization of the Republican party joined its ranks and on its ticket was elected justice of the peace, which office he held for a number of years. He was twice married, and by his second union, when Mary J. Chatfield Hunter became his wife, two children were born. By his first marriage he had twelve children, Mrs. McCarty being the sixth child and fifth daughter in order of birth. She was reared in her native township and there received her education in the common schools. By her first marriage, to David Chatfield, she became the mother of three children, but only one of the number is now living, William S., a farmer of Wayne township. The union of Mr. and Mrs. McCarty has been blessed with two children,—Eva, the wife of Lymon B. Wheeler, of Westerville, Franklin county, Ohio; and Susan May, who died at the age of three and a half years.

Mr. McCarty is now numbered among the leading and representative farmers of the community, and in Wayne township he owns one hundred and ninety acres of rich and well improved land. His wife, Martha, lived upon this land since 1866, and her husband since his marriage. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Protestant church, in which they are active and prominent workers, and Mr. McCarty is now superintendent of the Sunday-school at Jenkin's Chapel.

NELSON B. JOHNSON.

Throughout his entire life Nelson Boggs Johnson was numbered among the citizens of Wayne township, Champaign county. His birth here occurred in the parental home on the 1st of July, 1810. His father, Jacob Johnson, was born in Maryland, July 27, 1766, while his mother was born in Pennsylvania, October 20, 1774. In 1804 the father came to Champaign county, locating on the east fork of Kings creek, and in the following year he took up his abode in Wayne township, they being the first white family to locate in the Mingo valley. There the father's life's labors were ended in death in 1845. His wife, *nee* Martha Boggs, died on the same farm in 1854, at the age of eighty-two years. Of their nine children Alford is the only one now living, and he resides in Mingo, Champaign county.

Nelson B. Johnson, the eighth child in order of birth, with his two brothers remained on the old home farm until he was fifty-eight years of age, engaged in farming and stock-raising, and at that time the place was divided, it then consisting of nineteen hundred acres. After his marriage our subject located on the farm on which his widow now resides, where he continued his farming and stock-raising interests. As

the years passed by success abundantly rewarded his well directed efforts, and at his death he was the owner of twelve hundred and twenty-seven acres, a princely domain. He carried forward to successful completion whatever he undertook, and his business methods were ever in strict conformity with the ethics of commercial life. He was also a strong temperance man, and throughout his entire life he never used tobacco in any form or never uttered a profane word. He passed away on the 11th of August, 1895, at the age of eighty-five years, but in the hearts of his friends are enshrined many pleasant memories of him, and his influence for good remains with those who knew him. In early life he gave his political support to the Republican party, and afterward became a supporter of Greeley.

On the 12th of May, 1868, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Anna Eliza Gilbert, who was born in Harrison county, Virginia, February 16, 1839. Her father, Amos Gilbert, was a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, but when a young man he removed to Harrison county, West Virginia, and throughout his business career he was engaged both in farming and merchandising. His father, Amos Gilbert, Sr., was a native of England, but in early life he came to this country, and was here married to Latitia Canby. After a happy married life of only one year he was called to his final rest. Amos Gilbert, the father of Mrs. Johnson, was married in Harrison county, West Virginia, to Phoebe D. Wilson, who was there born, reared and educated, and they became the parents of eight children, four sons and four daughters, and four sons order of birth, was eight years of age when she came with her parents and two daughters are yet living. One daughter died at the age of thirteen years. Mrs. Johnson, the fourth child and third daughter in to Clinton county, Ohio, and in 1849 she accompanied the family on their removal to Champaign county. She received her education in the district schools and in the Urbana high school, and for twelve years there-

after she was one of the county's successful and prominent teachers. It was her intention in early life to become a physician, and as a means to that end she began the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. Butcher, after which she attended four courses of lectures at the Philadelphia Woman's Medical College. By her marriage to Mr. Johnson she became the mother of three children, namely: Mary D., born September 2, 1869; Rodney P., who died on the 22d of October, 1876; and Amos N., who was born April 9, 1877. With her daughter, Mary D., Mrs. Johnson now resides on a valuable farm in Wayne township, but it is her intention to remove to North Lewisburg, where she also owns property. The family occupy a very prominent position in social circles, and their home is justly celebrated for its charming hospitality.

WARREN D. SIBLEY.

For many years the list of the thoroughly public-spirited and enterprising business men of Champaign county has included the Sibleys. The family was founded on American soil by the great-grandfather of our subject, Jonathan Sibley, who came from Saint Albans, England, on the Mayflower. Samuel Sibley, the grandfather, was born in Connecticut, but afterward removed to New Hampshire, from which state he served for three years in the Revolutionary war.

Benjamin Dow Sibley, the father of him whose name introduces this review, was born in Belknap county, New Hampshire, on the 7th of March, 1791. When twenty-eight years of age he drove an ox team from that state to the Darby Plains in Ohio, and for three years he was employed by Eli Gwynn, one of the landowners and stock-raisers in Madison county, this state. He subsequently came to Rush township,

Champaign county, where he purchased a portion of the land on which Woodstock now stands, and there cleared and improved a valuable farm. There he followed the tilling of the soil for thirty years, until his life's labors were ended in death, when he had reached the seventy-seventh milestone on the journey of life, passing away on his farm about two miles from Lewisburg. He was one of the public-spirited and influential citizens of the county, in which he held many public positions, and took an active part in the construction of the roads, of which he served as supervisor for several years. In the early days he was an intelligent and active supporter of Whig principles, and after the organization of the Republican party he joined its ranks, remaining loyal to its teachings during the remainder of his life. He was a valued member of the Universalist church, and assisted in the erection of its first house of worship in Woodstock.

Mr. Sibley was united in marriage to Lydia Hillard, a native of Stowe, Vermont. In her girlhood she came with her parents to Ohio and for several years she taught school in Union county, in the old town of Homer. She was born in 1798, and lived to the age of fifty-seven years. Her father, Richmond Hillard, came with ox teams to Ohio in a very early day, taking up his abode in Knox county. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Sibley was celebrated in Homer, Union county, in 1831, and they became the parents of five children, two sons and three daughters, namely: Maria, who became the wife of George W. Coates and is now deceased; W. D., the subject of this review; Richmond H., also deceased; Mary, who died at the age of fifteen years; and Adelaide, who died when only one year old.

W. D. Sibley was born in what is now Woodstock, Rush township, Champaign county, on the 28th of October, 1823, and in the primitive log school house of that place he received his early education. When only seventeen years of age he began teaching in a school near Marys-

ville, and for several years he devoted his time to that profession. In the spring of 1848 he came with his father to the farm on which he now resides, the tract at that time consisting of ninety acres, and this was given him by his father. As the years have passed by he has added to his landed possessions until he is now the owner of four hundred and fifty acres of excellent land. Throughout the years of his manhood he has kept well informed on the interests concerning his state and nation, and is a representative of the progressive and intelligent American farmer. He assisted in the organization of the Bank of North Lewisburg, of which he served as president for twelve years, and is still one of its stockholders. The bank was organized with twelve stockholders, but there are now only five, they being Seth Clark, of Union county; John C. Thompson, who has been the cashier for twenty years; Mrs. Johnson, and Robert Eason.

On the 29th of October, 1850, Mr. Sibley was united in marriage to Sarah A. Clark, who was born in Connecticut, August 7, 1831, a daughter of Jeremiah and Lucretia (Ripley) Clark, who were among the first settlers of Woodstock. Mrs. Sibley was but seven years of age when she was brought by her parents to Ohio, the family locating in Clark county, where she remained until about fifteen years of age. She then accompanied the family on their removal to Woodstock, where she also taught school for a time. Death came to her on the 21st of August, 1901, after a happy married life of fifty years, they having celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on the 29th of October, 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Sibley became the parents of seven children, as follows: Flora, the wife of T. J. Corkery, a prominent attorney of Toledo, Ohio; Ida, at home; Mary D. married Charles G. Markley, a prominent business man of Madison county, Ohio, and now serving his second term as county commissioner; Benneal, the wife of Otis W. Beck, of Bowling Green, Wood county, Ohio; Glenn, who died when only a year and a half

old; Staley S., who married Claudia B. Jackson, and at her death she left two sons, Harry Dow and Philip Reed; and Stella, who was a twin of Staley S., and her death occurred at the age of twenty-six years. Mr. Sibley gives a stanch support to Republican principles, and in 1871 he was elected to the office of county commissioner, in which he served for three years. He has also held the position of trustee, and for thirty-five years he was a school director, during which time he took an active part in the erection of the brick school house near his home. For fifty-two years he has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and since his boyhood days he has held membership relations with the Universalist church at Woodstock.

OLIVER TAYLOR.

To indulge in fulsome encomium of a life which was eminently one of subjective modesty would be palpably incongruous, even though the record of good accomplished, of kindly deeds performed and of high relative precedence attained in connection with the practical activities of life might seem to justify the utterance of glowing eulogy. He, to whom this memoir is dedicated was a man who stood "four square to every wind that blows," who was possessed of marked business acumen and was vitally instinct with the deeper human sympathies, and yet who, during his long and useful life, signally avoided everything that smacked of display or notoriety,—and in this spirit would the biographer wish to have his utterances construed. His was a sincere and earnest life and one that brought additional honor to a name that has been honored in connection with the annals of Champaign county from the early pioneer epoch, while the families represented in his agnatic and cognatic lines have been iden-

tified with American history from the colonial period of the nation. Thus is intensified the consistency of here entering memoir of the honored citizens of Champaign county whose name appears above and who here passed his entire life.

Oliver Taylor was a native son of Champaign county, having been born near Springhill, Harrison township, on the 7th of December, 1818. The ancestry traces back to the Old Dominion, where was cradled so much of our national history, and the lineage is of Scottish extraction, the original American ancestors having located in Virginia in the early colonial epoch. In that patrician old commonwealth was born John V. Taylor, the father of the subject of this memoir, and in 1804 he emigrated from his native state to Ohio and took up his residence in the primitive wilds of Champaign county, where the work of progress and development had as yet scarcely been inaugurated. Soon after his arrival in the Buckeye state he was united in marriage to Miss Jane Vance, a sister of Joseph Vance, one of the early governors of Ohio and for several terms a member of congress from this state. John V. and Jane (Vance) Taylor became the parents of eight children, of whom Oliver was the sixth in order of birth and the youngest son. The father rendered valiant service as a soldier in the war of 1812, being a member of the company commanded by his brother-in-law, Captain Joseph Vance, who afterward became governor of the state, as has already been noted. Mr. Taylor developed a fine farm estate in this county and was here extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits and in the raising of and dealing in live stock, in which line he attained a more than local reputation, driving his cattle through to the eastern markets, across the Alleghany mountains. He was a man who commanded the highest confidence and esteem of the people of the county and was known as one of its distinctively representative citizens. He served about fifteen years in the office of county commissioner and was an elder of the Presbyterian church, of

which his wife likewise was a devoted member. He died on the 28th of January, 1858, at the age of seventy-three years, and his wife was summoned into eternal rest more than a decade later, passing away on the 29th of January, 1869, at the venerable age of eighty-one years.

Oliver Taylor, the immediate subject of this memoir, was reared on the old homestead farm, amid the scenes of the pioneer epoch, and early began to contribute his quota to the work of reclaiming and otherwise improving the paternal acres, while his educational advantages were such as were afforded in the typical log school house of the locality and period, the same being equipped with slab benches, puncheon floor, yawning fireplace, etc., as were all of these primitive "backwoods colleges," from which have gone forth some of the most eminent men of our nation, as history amply records. Mr. Taylor continued to be identified with the cultivation of the homestead farm and the carrying on of the live stock business until the time of his marriage, which was solemnized in the year 1848, when he was united to Miss Catherine Caraway, who was born in Champaign county, on the 9th of November, 1819, being the daughter of John Caraway. The latter was a native of Greenbrier county, Virginia (now West Virginia), whence he removed to Champaign county, Ohio, about the year 1802, settling in Urbana township as one of its early pioneers, and here his wife died in the year 1823. About two years later he removed to Concord township, where he developed an excellent farm and where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred in 1860. Oliver and Catherine (Caraway) Taylor became the parents of three children, namely: John C., who died in infancy; Duncan V., who also passed away in infancy; and Charles Oliver, of whom specific mention is made in appending paragraphs. Both Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were signally consistent and devoted members of the Presbyterian church, and no residents of the county were held in higher estimation in the community which was their home throughout the entire course

of their unpretentious, worthy and signally useful lives. Mr. Taylor attained a high degree of success in temporal affairs, becoming the owner of a fine estate in Concord township and being extensively engaged in the raising of and dealing in live stock in connection with his general agricultural operations. He was one of the organizers and incorporators of the Citizens' National Bank, of Urbana, having been for many years a member of its directorate, while for several years he was incumbent of the chief executive office of the institution, being its president and guiding its affairs with signal discretion. He was a capable and conservative business man and had a maturity of judgment which rendered his advice and counsel of inestimable value. He was entirely devoid of ostentation, was of a kindly and generous nature and held the respect and regard of all who knew him, and his acquaintanceship in the county was exceptionally wide. His political support was given to the Republican party, and, keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the hour, he ever maintained a lively interest in public affairs and was to be found enlisted in the support of all worthy measures projected for the general good. Mr. Taylor died on the 5th of January, 1885, in the fulness of years and well earned honors, and thus passed to his reward one of the sterling pioneer citizens and native sons of Champaign county. His devoted and cherished wife passed away on the 7th of November, 1871, having been a woman of gentle and gracious character, retaining the affection of a wide circle of friends in the community where she had practically passed her entire life.

CHARLES O. TAYLOR.

From the foregoing memoir it will be discerned that the subject of this review is a representative of one of the stanch old pioneer families of Champaign county,—in fact, of two, since his maternal ancestors were

likewise numbered among the early settlers of this favored section of the Buckeye commonwealth. As the only living child of his honored parents he remains to perpetuate the name, and his own life has been one of usefulness and definite accomplishment and has been guided and guarded by that intrinsic integrity of purpose which ever invokes objective confidence and respect. He is one of the representative business men of the city of Urbana and is one of the county's progressive and public-spirited citizens.

Charles Oliver Taylor, the only living child of Oliver and Catherine (Caraway) Taylor, is a native of Champaign county, having been born on the parental farmstead in Concord township, on the 12th of August, 1852. He was reared under the sturdy and invigorating discipline of the farm and received his preliminary educational training in the public schools of the county, subsequently supplementing the same by a course of study in a business college in the city of Cincinnati. He began his independent career in that vocation to which he had been reared, engaging in farming and stock-raising in his native county. Later he became the owner of the Arrowsmith mills, three and one-half miles northwest of Urbana, and operated the same successfully for a number of years, while from 1879 to 1881 he did a notable and profitable business in the importing of high-grade draft horses from Scotland and in the breeding of this line of stock, having in the connection raised and owned the well known "Khedive," a horse of celebrity and one of the finest of its type ever bred in this country. For several years Mr. Taylor was engaged in the lumber business and the operation of a sawmill in Urbana, having removed from his farm to this city in 1891, and his was the distinction of having been the first manager of the Market Square Theatre, in Urbana, of which he thus had control for a period of three years, presenting a select line of attractions and proving a most discriminating amusement caterer, giving to the citizens of Urbana and the county the benefit of a very superior class of entertainments. For the past four years he has conducted a very successful retail hardware business in

Urbana, having a finely equipped establishment and securing a representative support. He became the owner of the same in September, 1898, and through his correct business methods and unmistakable reliability has built up a most gratifying and satisfactory trade, the enterprise being one of the most important of the sort in the county. Mr. Taylor served for eight years as a member of the National Guard of Ohio, and during seven years of this interval was incumbent of the office of lieutenant of his company, while he was in active service with his regiment during the riots in the city of Cincinnati, in 1883-4. In politics Mr. Taylor gives a stanch allegiance to the Republican party, but he has never had political ambition in a personal way and has never desired the honors or emoluments of public office. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, holding membership in Launcelott Lodge, No. 107, of Urbana.

On the 29th of March, 1876, Mr. Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Emma E. Downs, who was born in Champaign county, Ohio, the daughter of William and Cathrine Downs, and of this union three children have been born, namely: William, Vance and Goldie. William, who was born on the 26th of May, 1878, graduated in the high school of Urbana with the class of 1898. He afterward received a three years' course in electrical engineering in the Ohio State University, of Columbus, and he is now employed by the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, of Manchester, England. The second son, Vance, was born on the 10th of October, 1880, and he is also a graduate of the Urbana high school. During the past year he has been assisting his father, and in the fall it is his intention to enter the Ohio State University.

JOHN HARLAN.

John Harlan, one of the commissioners of Champaign county, Ohio, was born in New Castle county, Delaware, May 3, 1832, a son of John and Lydia (Woodward) Harlan, natives of Chester county, Pennsyl-

vania. The genealogy of the family is authentically traced to two brothers, George and Michael, who, in 1687, left the home of their forefathers among the sheltering hills of Wales and for a time cast their fortunes with the scarcely improved prospects of Ireland. Intent upon yet broader chances, they came to America and settled on the Brandywine in Pennsylvania.

The parents of Mr. Harlan came to Champaign county in 1833, and in the spring of the following year made a permanent settlement in Rush township, where the father died in 1874, at the age of eighty, while the mother died in 1889, at the age of ninety. These pioneers in a strange state faithfully tilled their land and labored for the general well being of their locality, and at the same time reared a large family of children, four of whom attained maturity. This same farm, with its associations of parental care and early struggles, is now owned by the commissioner of Champaign county. The father was a Democrat in political affiliation, and both he and his wife were reared in the Quaker faith.

The youth of John Harlan did not differ materially from that of the farmer boys whom he met at the district schools and at the little meeting house, but he acquired practical ideas of life and work, which later found vent in his individual management of the old homestead. In 1855 he married Lydia Margaret Runyon, daughter of Elias and Martha (Crockett) Runyon, the Runyons being natives of New Jersey. The Harrisons were related to the William Henry Harrison family, and the Crocketts were related to David Crockett. Mrs. Harlan's grandfather, John Runyon, was an early settler and prominent citizen of Champaign county, and for several years served as judge of the circuit court. He and his wife, Mary (Conkling) Runyon, were natives of New Jersey, and removed to Kentucky, and thence to Ohio in 1802,

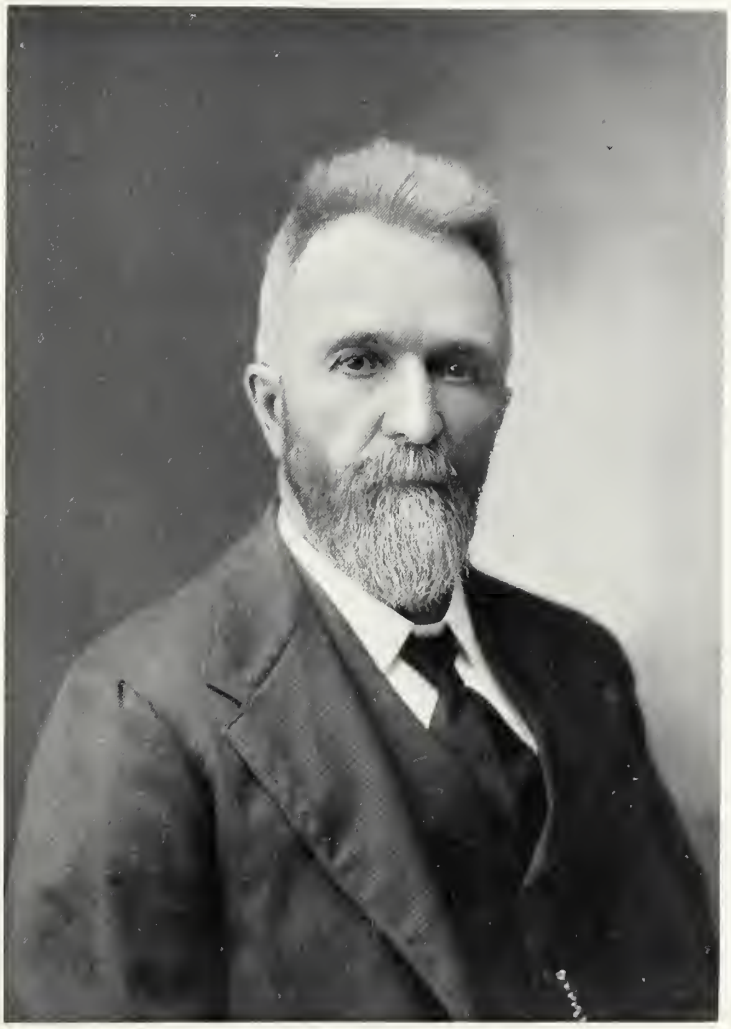
settling in Union township, this county. The family is of Welsh descent.

During the Civil war Mr. Harlan served for one hundred and twenty days as a private in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and since the war has been a member of the W. A. Brand Post, Grand Army of the Republic. Though remarkably successful as a farmer, and abreast of the times as to agricultural science and general improvements, he retired permanently from his old-time occupation in 1899 and took up his residence in Urbana. As a stanch Republican he has been foremost in the political affairs of the county for many years, and his first election as commissioner occurred in 1896, and he is now holding his second term in this important capacity. His service has been well received throughout, and he is credited with possessing not only intelligent knowledge of the needs of the community but with absolute integrity in furthering the fulfillment of practical measures.

DANIEL W. RUTAN.

A representative of one of the prominent pioneer families of Champaign county, Daniel William Rutan has spent his entire life within its borders, so that his history is known to many of its citizens. His large circle of friends is an unmistakable evidence of a well spent life, and it is therefore with pleasure that we present his record to our readers as that of one of the leading and honored business men of the community.

He was born in Goshen township, Champaign county, April 30, 1839. His paternal grandfather, Daniel Rutan, claimed Maryland as the state of his nativity, and he was one of the very early pioneers of this county, where he resided on a farm in Goshen township. He was



Daniel W. Kulan

twice married, his first union being with Mary Hazel, while for his second wife he chose Mary Riddle. Daniel M. Rutan, the father of our subject, also had his nativity in Goshen township, Champaign county, and for his wife he chose Hannah Colwell, a native of Rush township, this county, where her father, John Colwell, had removed from New Jersey. After their marriage they took up their abode on a farm in Goshen township, where the father died before his son had reached the age of three years, but the mother, who was born in 1812, lived to the age of seventy-four years. They became the parents of two children, a son and a daughter, and the latter is the widow of George A. Rowinsky. She is a correspondent for the Urbana Citizen.

Daniel W. Rutan, the younger of the two children, received the advantages of a common-school education in his youth, and at the early age of eighteen years he started out in life to battle for himself. He first secured employment on the neighboring farms, and later he taught school until his labors were interrupted by the Civil war, when, in 1861, he enlisted for service in Company D, Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, entering the ranks as a private, and was soon promoted to the position of corporal, and at the close of his service, in 1864, was discharged with the rank of second lieutenant. During his military career he took part in many of the hard-fought battles of the war, including those of Pittsburg Landing, Stone River, Chickamauga, and Missionary Ridge. Although he was ever in the thickest of the fight he was never wounded or captured, and he participated in every engagement in which the gallant Thirteenth took part up to the time of his discharge in 1864.

After his return home Mr. Rutan again took up the quiet duties of the farm. After his marriage he located on a small farm in this locality, but later he sold that tract and purchased a part of his present place. He is now the owner of two valuable farms in Champaign

county, consisting of three hundred and twenty-nine acres. During recent years, however, he has abandoned the raising of the cereals and has devoted his attention entirely to the stock business. He is an extensive feeder of stock, and his efforts in this direction are meeting with success. His methods are in keeping with the progressive spirit of the times and his well improved property is a monument to his thrift and business ability.

On the 1st of September, 1864, occurred the marriage of Mr. Rutan and Miss Lucy A. Kimball. She is a native of Union county, Ohio, and was reared in both Union and Champaign counties. By her marriage to our subject she has become the mother of eight children, namely: Warren, who married Clara Gove and is a prominent farmer of Union township; Glen, who was first married to Nettie Doak, and for his present wife he chose Della McAdams; Hiram E., who is still unmarried and makes his home in Greene county, Ohio; Benjamin M., married Jennie Owen and is engaged in the creamery business at Marysville, Ohio; Mary, the wife of A. E. Bullard, a farmer of Goshen township; Nellie, the wife of Dr. A. O. Whitaker, a practicing physician of South Charleston, Clark county, Ohio; David W., who is also in Greene county, and Martha D., at home. In politics Mr. Rutan is a Republican, and a member of Stephen Baxter Post, No. 88, G. A. R., in which he maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. He is widely known throughout Champaign county, many of his friends having been his associates from boyhood, and all respect and honor him for his genuine worth.

WILLIAM F. BAILAR.

As one reviews the history of the county and looks into the past to see who were prominent in its early development he will find that almost throughout the entire century the name of Bailar has been closely con-

nected with the progress and advancement of this section of the state. William F. Bailar is a native son of Champaign county, his birth occurring in Adams township March 24, 1852. His father, George W. Bailar, was born in the same locality on the 21st of October, 1825, and the latter's father, John Bailar, came to Champaign county from Pennsylvania, his native state, taking up his abode on a farm in Adams township. At that time only one other family resided in the township, and wild was the region into which he came. He secured a farm of one hundred and twenty-four acres, which he cleared and improved, and he soon became recognized as one of the leading citizens of the county. In his political views he was what is now called a Democrat. In this county he was married to Catherine Pence, who was a member of a prominent old family of Virginia, and they became the parents of nine children.

George W. Bailar, the third son in the above family, remained at home until his marriage, during which time he assisted his father in the arduous task of clearing and improving the home farm. In Adams township, about 1850, he was united in marriage to Julia A. Licklider, who was born in Virginia on the 18th of October, 1825, but when nine years of age, in 1834, she came with her parents to this county, the family locating on a farm in Johnson township, where she was reared and educated. She was a daughter of David and Catherine (Clem) Licklider. Six sons blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Bailar,—John David, William F., Sanders, George R., Corey E. and Charles. Three of the sons, John David, Sanders and Charles, died in infancy, and all were born on the old homestead in Champaign county. The father of this family was a Democrat in his political views, and for several years he served his township as its trustee. In his social relations he was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and religiously was a member of the Christian church, having assisted in the erection of its house of worship

at Carysville, and he was treasurer of the same for many years. He was called to his final rest in 1888, but is still survived by his widow.

William F. Bailar, whose name introduces this review, was reared in the township of his nativity, and to its public school system he is indebted for the early educational privileges which he was permitted to enjoy. He remained at home until he was twenty-four years of age, assisting his father in clearing and cultivating the old homestead. In 1876 he was married, but still continued to live on the old homestead for seven years, during which time he followed farming. He then moved to a portion of his present farm, consisting of seventy-eight acres, but as the years have passed by he has been enabled to add to his original purchase until he is now the owner of one hundred and thirty-nine acres, most of which is under a fine state of cultivation. Like his father and grandfather, he upholds the principles of the Democracy, and for two terms he has served as a trustee of his township.

The marriage of Mr. Bailar was celebrated in 1876, when Miss Flora I. Newcomb became his wife. She is a native of Champaign county and is a daughter of Howell Newcomb, who was born in Adams township, this county, October 6, 1825. The latter's father, Joseph Newcomb, came from New Jersey to this county, where he was among the very early pioneers. He located on a farm in Adams township. In this locality Howell Newcomb, the father of Mrs. Bailar, was married to Miss Eliza Johnson, a native of Adams township and a daughter of Walker Johnson, the first settler of Johnson township. He cleared and improved one hundred and sixty acres of land there, and was one of the influential citizens of the community. He was a Democrat in his political views and was a member of the United Brethren church, in which he was an active worker, and assisted materially in the erection of its house of worship in Adams. Mr. and Mrs. Newcomb became the parents of six children,—Napoleon F., Hamilton G., Sarah A., Mary

Jane, Flora I. and Victoria. With the exception of the two last mentioned all died when young. Three children have blessed the union of our subject and wife, namely: Victoria May, the wife of John E. Huffman, the proprietor of a creamery in this county; Enda C., the wife of Clyde Stevenson, a farmer of Adams township; and Goldie M. The two eldest were born on the old Bailar homestead, and the youngest was born on our subject's present farm. In his social relations Mr. Bailer is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Anti-Horsethief Association, both of Rosewood. He is a member of the Christian church at Carysville, in which he has long served as treasurer and as a deacon, and for a long period was superintendent of the Sunday-school.

CHARLES BRELSFORD.

This honored veteran of the Civil war is now a resident of Saint Paris, Ohio. A true patriot and devoted citizen in both times of peace and war, he merits the high regard which is universally bestowed upon him. He was born near Madison, Wisconsin, November 20, 1846, and is a son of William and Hannah (Scott) Brelsford. In a very early day the Brelsford family removed from New Jersey to Montgomery county, Ohio, and in a small town in that county the father of our subject was reared to mature years and there followed pump-making. In an early day he came to Champaign county, where for several years he followed the same occupation near Lena. He was there married to Hannah, a daughter of Asa and Mary (White) Scott. The Scotts were also members of a prominent New Jersey family, but in an early day they left their eastern home for the Buckeye state, taking up their abode near Lena, Champaign county. There the father died on the old homestead

farm in 1864, after reaching the Psalmist's span of three score years and ten. He followed the tilling of the soil as a life occupation. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Scott were born four children, namely: Hannah, now Mrs. Brelsford; Harvey Y., who died in Faribault, Minnesota, in 1901; James G., who died near that city in 1896; and Jasper. James G. and Harvey G. were among the "forty-niners" who crossed the continent to seek the treasures of the Golden state, making the overland trip, and after leaving the Pacific coast they settled in Minnesota.

After his marriage Mr. Brelsford continued to reside in Champaign county until the early '40s, when he removed with his family to Wisconsin, locating on government land near Madison, and there he followed agricultural pursuits in connection with pump-making until his death, in 1849. After his demise Mr. Scott went to Wisconsin and with a team and wagon brought Mrs. Brelsford and her children to Champaign county, where they made their permanent home near Saint Paris. The children born unto Mr. and Mrs. Brelsford were: Caroline, the widow of Edward Flowers; Sarah, who became the wife of A. E. Pond; Phoebe, who was first married to J. T. Northcott and afterward to Simeon Pence, and she is now a widow; Harrison; Asa; Mary E., the wife of Ira Poffenberger, of Urbana; Emma, the wife of Henry Gibbs; and Charles. Mrs. Brelsford still survives her husband and is living in Saint Paris, in the eighty-fourth year of her age. For fifty years she has been a devoted member of the Baptist church.

Charles Brelsford, of this review, received but limited educational advantages during his youth, as he was only permitted to attend the public schools during the short winter months, while during the summer season he assisted in the work of the home farm. In 1862 he enlisted for three months' service in the Civil war, entering the service as a member of Company H, Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and during the term of his enlistment was engaged in guarding the Balti-

more & Ohio Railroad through West Virginia. The regiment was disbanded at Delaware, Ohio, and for the following year Mr. Brelsford remained at home, working on his grandfather's farm. In January, 1864, he re-enlisted, entering Company L, Eighth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, and his first service in that command was under General Hunter in the Lynchburg raid in Virginia. After participating in the battles of Lynchburg and Liberty he, with a part of his regiment, was transferred to the Shenandoah valley, under the command of General Averill, where he remained until November, 1864. He participated in the hard-fought battle of Winchester and was much on detached service as a scout. In November, 1864, the two sections of his regiment were reunited at Beverly, West Virginia, where they were engaged in picket duty until the 11th of January, 1865, when General Rosseau made an attack on that city and captured about four hundred and eighty soldiers, including the Eighth Ohio Cavalry. The prisoners were taken to Richmond, Virginia, and the journey to Libby prison was a most trying one, the weather being cold and rainy, and icicles often clung to their clothing. They were obliged to wade all the rivers on the route, and for three days Mr. Brelsford was without food, after which he was given a small piece of fat pork, which he ate raw. They were incarcerated in Libby prison until the 17th of February, when they were exchanged, and our subject returned home on a thirty-days' furlough. On the expiration of that period he returned to Philippi, West Virginia, where a part of his regiment was stationed, and at Clarksburg, Virginia, it was mustered out of service in August, 1865, our subject leaving the ranks as a corporal. His brother Asa also enlisted for service in 1861, becoming a member of Company A, Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served for three years. During a part of enlistment he was on detached service as a blacksmith, and he was honorably discharged in 1864. Mr. Brelsford, of this review, took with him into the service a small pocket Bible,

with his name and regiment inscribed on the fly-leaf, but the Bible was lost at the battle of Lynchburg. Thirty-four years after that engagement he received a communication from the commander at the government arsenal at Augusta, Georgia, stating that a lady there residing had in her possession a Bible found on the battlefield of Lynchburg and bearing Mr. Brelsford's name. The latter was located through the pension department and he received his Bible.

After his return to civil life Mr. Brelsford located at Millerstown, Champaign county, and in that city and also in Bowlusville and Saint Paris he was engaged at the blacksmith's trade for a time, spending seventeen years in the last named place. For the following three years he was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Champaign county, on the expiration of which period he removed to Shelby county, Ohio, and from that time until 1890 he there followed the tilling of the soil. After his return to Champaign county he was first engaged in the implement business with a Mr. Kite, which relationship was maintained for five years, and since that time during the winter months he has been engaged in the poultry business. For a time he was engaged in that enterprise with the late Mr. Cline at Jackson Center, and previously he was associated with a Mr. Riker in Saint Paris. He owns a tract of one hundred and fourteen acres in Champaign county.

In the year 1868 Mr. Brelsford was united in marriage to Mary E. Hanback, and four children were born of that union. The eldest, D. Orrin, is a popular and successful teacher in the public schools of Saint Paris, and is also president of the teachers' examining board. The second son, Millard, is the pastor of the First Baptist church at Urbana, Ohio. He is a graduate of the Saint Paris high school, of the Granville College, of the Rochester, New York, Theological School, and was ordained to the ministry in June, 1900. Asa and Sarah are both deceased. The family are members of the Baptist church of Saint Paris,

MR. AND MRS. JOHN GOUL.

of which Mr. Brelsford is one of the charter members and for many years he has held office therein. His political support is given to the Republican party, and while residing in Shelby county he held the office of trustee. In his fraternal relations he is a member of Saint Paris Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F., and also of Scott Post, No. 111, G. A. R., of which he has served as commander. He is truly an honored hero of the Civil war. During his army career he was imprisoned and suffered much from privations and exposure, yet he was always found faithful to the duties imposed upon him, and at all times he is a loyal citizen, true to the interests of county, state and nation.

JOHN GOUL.

John Goul, who resides on the Mechanicsburg and Bellefontaine pike, was born in Union township, Champaign county, on the 6th of February, 1832. His father, Christian Goul, was a native of Rockbridge county, Virginia, where he was born on the 6th of September, 1804. In 1817, when thirteen years of age, he came with his parents to Champaign county. His father, Adam Goul, was born near Frankfort, Germany, in 1761, a son of Frederick Goul, also a native of the fatherland, and he died at sea while on his way to America. Adam Goul came to America in 1763, and during the latter part of the Revolutionary war he served as a teamster therein. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Lutz, who was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1773, and after their marriage they moved to Rockbridge county, Virginia, where they made their home until 1817. In that year they came to Champaign county, locating in Goshen township, about two miles north of Mechanicsburg, where they cleared and improved a farm. They be-

came the parents of eight children,—Mary, George, Frederick, William, John, Christian and Henry. Gertrude died when young and George died of camp fever while serving his country in the war of 1812, but the other children lived to a good old age and were married. Adam Goul died on the 12th of October, 1845, aged eighty-four years, and his wife was called to her final rest on the 13th of November, 1846, in her eighty-third year. They were members of the Presbyterian church, and were numbered among the prominent old pioneers of Champaign county.

Christian Goul, the father of him whose name introduces this review, received his education in the county of his nativity. After his marriage he located on government land in Union township, Champaign county, where he remained for about three years, and during that time our subject was born. Mr. Goul thence returned to Goshen township, later made his home in Marysville, Union county, for about one year, for three years was a resident of Richwood, Ohio, and in 1854 again returned to Goshen township. His death occurred in Mutual, Union township, September 6, 1879, passing away in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was long a worthy member. In the early days his residence was always the home of the ministers, and he did all in his power to promote the cause of Christianity among his fellow men. He also assisted materially in the erection of the house of worship at Mutual. Nearly his entire life was spent within the boundaries of Champaign county, and all who knew him entertained for him the highest respect and esteem, for his enire life was above reproach. In his early manhood he voted with the Whig party, and after the organization of the new Republican party he joined its ranks.

Mr. Goul was married in Goshen township, Miss Ruth Lawson becoming his wife. She was born in Brown county, Ohio, December 8, 1806, but at three years of age was brought to Goshen township, Champaign county, and here she lived to the age of ninety-two years.

Her father, Thomas Lawson, was a native of Pennsylvania, but subsequently removed to Brown county, Ohio, and in 1809 took up his abode in Goshen township. He was of German descent, and his wife was of English origin. Mrs. Goul was the second of their eight children, and the eldest daughter. Eight children were born unto the union of Mr. and Mrs. Goul, namely: Luellyn, a farmer of Madison county, Indiana; Adam, a resident of Union township, Champaign county, Ohio; John, of this review; Newton W., also a farmer of Union township; Jane, the wife of John Strock, a farmer of Johnson township, Champaign county; Sarah, deceased; Rachel, also deceased; and Anna, the widow of Thomas Thompson, a resident of Union township.

John Goul, the subject of this sketch, attended the subscription schools of his neighborhood during his early youth, and was afterward a student in the district schools. He remained at home and assisted his father in the work of the home farm until after his marriage, which occurred on the 28th of September, 1854, Miss Susan F. Coffenberger becoming his wife. She was born near Williamsport, Maryland, on the 23d of December, 1835, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Turner) Coffenberger, both natives of Virginia. The father died in Maryland, and afterward, in 1845, the mother came with her family to Champaign county, locating in Union township. Mrs. Goul was then about ten years of age, and she has spent the remainder of her life in this locality. She is the sixth in order of birth of her parents' seven children.

Mr. and Mrs. Goul began their domestic life in a little log cabin on the farm on which they now reside, which continued as their place of abode for six years, and then, in 1860, they removed to Union township, where they built a small log cabin and cleared a farm. Selling their possessions there in 1864, he purchased another farm in the same township, and on the 2d of May, of the same year, enlisted for service

in the Civil war, joining Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as a private. He enlisted for one hundred days' service, and on the expiration of that period received an honorable discharge and returned to his home and family in Union township. In 1869 he traded his place there for the old homestead, which has been in the possession of the Lawson and Goul families since 1815, and here he has one hundred and fifty-five acres of excellent land, all under a fine state of cultivation, thirty-seven and a half acres in Union township, which farm is also well improved. He is also one of the stockholders in the Farmers' Elevator at Mechanicsburg.

Five children have been born unto the union of our subject and wife, two sons and three daughters, namely: Ella, who was born September 3, 1855, and died on the 9th of October, of the same year; George, who was born April 25, 1857, and married Ollie Wyant, of Madison county, Indiana; Isabel R., who was born July 3, 1859, and died on the 28th of July, 1880; Parthenia F., who was born November 7, 1861, and died October 16, 1870; and Walter S., who was born February 18, 1868, and married Louisa Pullens. They reside in Columbus, Ohio, where he is employed in a steel plant. Mr. Goul has been a life-long Republican, his first presidential vote having been cast for Fremont, and he twice voted for Lincoln. He has been the choice of his party for many township offices, but he would never allow his name to be used as a candidate for county offices. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Mechanicsburg, in which they are active and prominent workers.

CALVIN R. HUNTER.

The business stability of Mechanicsburg has been augmented by the successful career of Calvin R. Hunter, senior member of the firm of C. R. Hunter & Company, grain merchants, and president of the

Central Bank. A native son of Mechanicsburg, Mr. Hunter was born September 15, 1857, a son of Vincent and Sabina (Weaber) Hunter, the former born in Clark county, Ohio, in 1819, and the latter in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, in 1829. The maternal grandfather, William Hunter, was a native of Virginia, and upon starting out to fashion his own career located in Clark county, Ohio, of which he was one of the earliest settlers. An equally worthy and successful pioneer of Clark county was the maternal grandfather, Philip Weaber, a native of Pennsylvania, and who in later life removed from Clark to Champaign county, Ohio.

Following the marriage of the parents of Mr. Hunter they took up their residence in Goshen township, Champaign county, Ohio, where the elder Hunter attained to considerable prominence in general affairs, and by reason of well applied industry accumulated a competence. He was chiefly interested in farming and milling, occupations in which he was well versed and progressive, and for many years he was a large dealer in grain in Mechanicsburg. His death, in 1884, at the age of sixty-five years, removed one of the substantial men of the community and a stanch supporter of the Republican party. The wife, who survives him, is still a resident of Mechanicsburg, where also live her two surviving children, one of whom is Mrs. Laura Burnham.

The earliest business inclinations of Calvin R. Hunter were naturally along the lines adopted by his father, and while still a youth attending the public schools he gained a fair knowledge of grain and general elevator trade. Eventually he embarked upon an independent venture, which was none other than the beginning of the present business of C. R. Hunter & Company, established in 1890, and which has since known uninterrupted prosperity. So long and extensive an experience has qualified Mr. Hunter to speak with authority upon the grain possibilities of Ohio, a state resource in which he has unbounded

faith when accompanied by expert management. Mr. Hunter is also interested in general farming and stock-raising, and he has been president of the Central Bank since January 2, 1893. Although a stanch upholder of Republican principles and issues, he has never entered the arena of political preferment, his time having been devoted principally to the discharge of business obligations. Fraternally he is associated with the Knights Templar. He married Lizzie Burnham, daughter of D. D. Burnham, in 1890, and of this union there are two children, Eldon and Norvell. Mr. Hunter is a business man of unquestioned integrity, and his reputation in the community is in keeping with his public spirit and devotion to the general well being.

CLAUDE C. CRAIG, M. D.

As one of the representative young members of the medical profession of Champaign county, of which he is a native son, Dr. Craig assuredly merits a place in this compilation. He is successfully engaged in the practice of his chosen profession in the city of Urbana, where he is associated with Dr. Harry Cook, under the firm name of Drs. Cook & Craig, and to them is also due much credit for the maintenance of a high-grade sanitarium and hospital in this city, the same proving of great value to the community and being conducted with marked ability, while its equipments are of the most modern and approved order, facilitating the treatment of varied classes of disease and effective surgical work.

Dr. Craig is a representative of one of the pioneer families of the county, having been born on the parental homestead, in Concord township, on the 18th of September, 1873, the son of Harrison Craig, an

honored citizen of Urbana, to whom individual reference is made on other pages of this work. To the article in question we refer the reader for further data concerning the genealogy of our present subject. The Doctor was reared under the sturdy discipline of the farm and received his early educational training in the district schools, after which he entered the Urbana high school, where he completed the course and properly fitted himself for the technical study and reading which prepared him for his chosen life work. For a period of three years he was employed in the egg-case factory of his father, and then began reading medicine under the direction of Dr. H. C. Houston, of Urbana. In 1894 he was matriculated in the Cleveland Homeopathic Medical College, where he was graduated, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in March, 1897, after which, in order to more fully fortify himself for the practical work of his profession, he passed one year as interne in the Huron Street Hospital in Cleveland, where he gained exceptionally valuable clinical experience. He then returned to Urbana, where he has since been actively engaged in the practice of his profession and where he has gained prestige as a finely qualified and discriminating physician and surgeon, while his genial personality has been a distinct factor in promoting his popularity in both professional and social circles. As has already been stated, Dr. Craig is associated in practice with Dr. Harry Cook, and they are proprietors of the Urbana Sanitarium, whose headquarters are the old Hotel Sowles, a commodious and conveniently arranged building, which has been fitted up with special reference to the use to which it is now applied. The sanitarium has the equipment of a first-class hospital, having appliances for hot air and other baths, the best of electrical devices, static, galvanic and faradic, for the treatment of nervous disorders and other diseases, and a specially efficacious apparatus utilized for the treatment of catarrhal conditions. The sanitarium has comfortable and cheerful

rooms for the accommodation of patients, who may here receive the best of attention in every respect, the institution being a valuable acquisition to the city and being admirably conducted.

In his political allegiance Dr. Craig gives his support to the Republican party, but he has never sought public office, the only official incumbency he has retained being that of health officer of Urbana, in which capacity he served for a period of two years. He is an able exponent of the theories and methods of Hahnemann, keeps thoroughly in touch with the advances made in the sciences of medicine and surgery and is one of the representative members of his school of practice in this section of the state.

On the 14th of June, 1899, Dr. Craig was united in marriage to Miss Stella Talbott, daughter of George A. Talbott, of Urbana, Ohio. Fraternally the Doctor is identified with the time-honored order of Free and Accepted Masons, holding membership in Champaign Lodge.

DAVID CLEM.

There is no element which has entered into our composite national fabric which has been of more practical strength, value and utility than that furnished by the sturdy, persevering and honorable sons of Germany, and from that nationality our subject is descended. His paternal great-grandfather was born in the fatherland, but when a young man left his home across the sea and came to America, taking up his abode in the Old Dominion, and in that commonwealth his son David was born. The latter became the grandfather of our subject, and his son Isaac was also a native of Virginia, born in Shenandoah county, where he was reared and married. In 1829 he came to Champaign county, Ohio, locating on a farm in Johnson township, but in 1853 he

RESIDENCE AND BARN OF DAVID CLEM.

sold that tract and bought a farm west of Saint Paris, where he died at the age of seventy-five years. His political support was given to the Democracy. For his wife he chose Rebecca Crabill, also a native of Virginia, as was her father, John Crabill. She reached the age of seventy-nine years, and by her marriage to Mr. Clem became the mother of nine children, six sons and three daughters, all of whom, with the exception of one, who died at the age of four years, grew to maturity, and five sons and two daughters are still living, our subject being the third child and second son in order of birth.

David Clem, of this review, was born on the home farm in Johnson township, Champaign county, on the 30th of September, 1836. During his youth he attended the primitive school of the neighborhood during the winter months, while the summer seasons were spent in assisting his father in the work of the farm, thus continuing until he reached his majority. He then started out to make his own way in the world, and for a time thereafter worked for neighboring farmers by the day or month. For about six years he was also employed at the shoemaker's trade in Saint Paris, after which he purchased a farm in Johnson township, near Millerstown, on which he made his home for about one year, on the expiration of which period he sold that tract and purchased one hundred acres in Adams and Johnson townships. Four years later he again sold his farm, after which he removed to Caldwell county, Missouri, and in Davis county, that state, purchased a farm. Returning after a time to Champaign county, he became the owner of one hundred and thirty-five acres in Urbana township, but after a residence there of five years he sold that tract and purchased his present homestead, consisting of three hundred acres, in Salem township, and in addition he also owns one hundred and sixty-seven acres in the same township, two hundred and seven acres southeast of of West Liberty and one hundred acres in Johnson township, thus mak-

ing his landed possessions consist of seven hundred and seventy-four acres. Starting out in life a poor boy, he has steadily worked his way upward. gaining success and winning public confidence.

Mr. Clem was married in 1876, when Miss Romelia Perry became his wife. She was born in Virginia, but when ten years of age accompanied her parents to the Buckeye state, the family locating in Clark county. Her grandfather, Abram Perry, was a native of Pennsylvania and was of Dutch descent, while her maternal grandfather, Henry F. Hensley, was a native of Virginia and was a member of a prominent old southern family. Mrs. Clem's parents, George and Margaret (Hensley) Perry, were also natives of the Old Dominion, but in 1865 they came to Clark county, Ohio, where the father died in 1868, and he is still survived by his widow. They were the parents of nine children, five daughters and four sons and seven of the number grew to years of maturity. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Clem has been blessed with six children,—five of whom are living: Joseph, born October 20, 1877; Samuel, born January 24, 1879; Pearl, October 16, 1881; Ivan, October 17, 1883; and Blanch, born March 15, 1891. One daughter, Grace, died in infancy. Since attaining to mature years Mr. Clem has given his political support to the Democracy. He stands on the side of progress, advancement and civilization, favoring education, religion, law and order, and whatever makes for the good of the people as individuals and as communities.

JAMES W. ANDERSON.

Mr. Anderson was born in Augusta county, Virginia, on the 6th of November, 1827, being the second in order of birth of the eight children of John and Fannie (Clark) Anderson, the former of whom

was born in the same county of the Old Dominion state, on the 12th of December, 1788, while the latter was born in Clarke county, Virginia, on the 4th of August, 1804. John Anderson was a son of James and Isabella (King) Anderson, the former of whom was born in the picturesque Shenandoah valley of Virginia, in 1749, while his wife was a native of Pennsylvania, where she was born in 1758. James Anderson was a son of James, Sr., who married a Miss McLanehan. He was born in Ireland, being of Scotch-Irish lineage, and came to America in his youth, his parents having removed from Scotland to the north of Ireland in 1665. Upon coming to America he located in Pennsylvania, where his marriage occurred, and thence he went on an exploring expedition through the Shenandoah valley, having organized a company for this purpose and having started from Philadelphia about the year 1725. After making due investigation he returned to his home in Pennsylvania, whence he later removed with his family to the Shenandoah valley, being one of the first settlers in that beautiful section of the Old Dominion. During the early days there he was an active participant in many sanguinary conflicts with the Indians and there he passed the remainder of his honorable and useful life. His son James, grandfather of our subject, served with marked distinction as a soldier in the Continental line during the war of the Revolution. His wife, Isabella (King) Anderson, was a daughter of John and Isabella (Christian) King, of Scotch-Irish stock. Fannie (Clark) Anderson, mother of the subject of this review, was a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Reynolds) Clark, both natives of Maryland and the latter being a daughter of John Reynolds. Her maternal grandfather, John Reynolds, was captain of the first company organized in Washington county, Maryland, at the inception of the war of the Revolution and held this office in the Sixth Regiment of Maryland Volunteers. He was killed by Indians on the Ohio river in 1799. His father, John

Reynolds, a son of a Scotchman, emigrated to America in 1714, and was the original progenitor of the family in the New World. He was a Presbyterian of the stern and unbending Scotch type and his wife was a member of the established church of England, she having been born in Ireland, of Welsh ancestry. They were married in Ireland in the year 1681, and came to the United States in 1714, locating in Pennsylvania.

John and Fannie (Clark) Anderson became the parents of eight children, namely: Mary H., deceased; James W., the subject of this sketch; George D., a resident of Augusta county, Virginia; Jane C., the widow of Henry Coyner and now residing in Augusta county, Virginia; Isabella A., deceased; John J., of whom specific mention is made elsewhere in this work; Norval W., who was a valiant soldier in the war of the Rebellion, in which he sacrificed his life in defense of the Union, having been killed in the battle of Stone River in 1863; and Sarah M., the widow of Captain George H. Killian, who served on the staff of Stonewall Jackson. The parents of this family passed their entire lives in Virginia, where the father devoted his life to farming.

James W. Anderson was reared and educated in Virginia, where he secured such advantages as were afforded in the common schools, so fortifying himself as to become eligible for pedagogic work, having been a successful teacher for some time in his youthful days. He devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits in his native state until he had attained the age of twenty-nine years, when, in 1856, he came to Champaign county, Ohio, and took up his permanent abode in Urbana, where he established himself in the drug business, in which he continued for the long period of forty years, being one of the pioneer business men of the city at the time of his retirement, in 1896, and having attained a competency through his able and discriminating efforts. A man of marked intellectuality and unswerving integrity in all the re-

lations of life, he has commanded the unbounded confidence and esteem of the community in which he has passed so many years of his life, and here, in well earned retirement from active business, he rests secure in the regard of old and tried friends. Though he has never sought the honors of political office he has not been unmindful of his civic duties and has given his support to the Republican party since 1861, and prior to that time was a Whig. He and his wife are zealous adherents of the Methodist Episcopal church and are members of the First M. E. church of Urbana, with whose work they have been identified for many years.

On the 19th of December, 1872, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Baldwin, the daughter of Judge Samuel Vance and Catherine (VanMeter) Baldwin. Our subject and his wife have no children.

Samuel V. Baldwin, father of Mrs. Anderson, was born in Hampshire county, Virginia, being a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Wilson) Baldwin, the latter of whom was a granddaughter of Captain Wilson, who distinguished himself in connection with the Indian wars both prior and subsequent to the war of the Revolution. Samuel V. Baldwin was a lad of ten years at the time when his parents removed from the Old Dominion to Clark county, Ohio, where they were numbered among the early pioneers. Here he was reared to maturity, having such educational advantages as were afforded in the primitive schools of the locality and period and effectively supplementing this by a most devoted and careful self-application and study. He studied law and ably fitted himself for the practice of his profession. He came to Urbana about the year 1835, becoming one of the distinguished members of the early bar of the county, where he was held in the highest esteem. He held preferment as prosecuting attorney of Champaign county and for eleven years was incumbent of the office of probate judge of the county, being the first probate judge of the county after the office was created. His

administration was one of signal ability and honor, and his death occurred just after his re-election. His political support was originally given to the Whig party, but he became a loyal adherent of the Republican party at the time of its organization and was thereafter an uncompromising supporter of its principles and policies. Judge Baldwin entered into eternal rest in 1861, at the age of fifty-five years, his widow surviving until 1881, when she passed away, at the age of seventy-one years. Of their eight children seven attained maturity and four are living at the present time.

MRS. MARIA PATRICK.

The venerable lady whose name initiates this sketch is certainly worthy of representation in a volume which has to do with those who have lived and wrought to goodly ends within the borders of Champaign county, for not only is she one of the pioneers of this county but is a representative of one of the sterling pioneer families of the state. She has now reached the age of nearly four score years and ten, and is a veritable "mother in Israel," revered by all who know her and having within her mental ken a purview of the mavelous changes which have been wrought in this section of the Union during the flight of many years. She retains her home in the city of Urbana and is undoubtedly the oldest living pioneer of the county, a noble type of those true-hearted and courageous women who contributed in so large a measure to the development and material prosperity of this locality.

Mrs. Patrick is a native of the old Buckeye state, having been born near the town of London, Madison county, on the 2d of February, 1813, so that her ninetieth birthday anniversary will occur within a few

months after this work is issued from the press. Her parents were Charles and Mary (McDougal) Atchison, and in their early life they were residents of Kentucky, where they met with reverses, principally through the burning of their property, which led them to seek a new home in Ohio and to here endeavor to retrieve their fortunes. They became squatters, as the title was familiarly given in the early days, in Madison county, where they passed the residue of their lives, the mother of our subject passing away when Mrs. Patrick was but ten years of age, and her father when she was but fifteen, so that she was orphaned while still a child. Her father had been previously married, and there were three children of the first union and six of the second, Mrs. Patrick being the only survivor at the present time. After the death of her mother she lived for a short interval in the home of one of her half-sisters, and when she was eighteen years of age she came to Urbana to live with another half-sister. She arrived in the city which is now her home on the 30th of November, 1830, and on the 12th of November, 1833, the night made memorable by one of the most notable meteoric showers ever witnessed in this section of the Union, she was united in marriage to Jacob H. Patrick, who was born in Urbana, the son of Anthony Patrick, the date of his nativity having been September 22, 1811, and his death occurring March 12, 1890, so that he lived to attain the patriarchial age of nearly eighty years. Of this union nine children were born, of whom three only are living at the present time, namely: Ellen, the widow of John S. Kirby; Emily, the wife of Joseph C. Vance; and Walter K., of Urbana.

Owing to the exigencies of time and place, the early advantages of Mrs. Patrick were limited in scope and were of primitive character, but her receptive mind, keen powers of observation and personal application enabled her to effectively supplement this early and meagre discipline. Her husband, who was a man of sterling integrity and who

was honored by all who knew him, in early life learned the saddler's trade, but he devoted his attention to the same only for a short time and then engaged in the hardware business, which he followed for many years, being recognized as one of the representative citizens of Urbana, where his entire life was passed. He retired from this enterprise a few years prior to his death, and thereafter devoted his attention to looking after his farming interests, also conducting an insurance business. He was a stanch Republican in his political proclivities, but never sought official preferment, the only office of consequence of which he was incumbent having been that of member of the city council. He was a devoted member of the Baptist church, while for more than seventy years his widow has been an active member of the First Methodist Episcopal church in Urbana, where her name and zealous services are held in reverence as the many golden years rest as a crown upon her aged head. In early life Mrs. Patrick purchased and brought to Urbana a sewing machine, and it is worthy of particular mention that this was the first ever brought to this city. Her gentle character and noble attributes have endeared her to a wide circle of friends in the younger generations, as also was true in her own, and the years have rested lightly upon her and have been crowned with love and esteem, as is most justly due.

WILLIAM J. ABBOTT.

William J. Abbott, a farmer and representative citizen of Concord township, Champaign county, and one of the leading farmers of the county, is numbered among Ohio's native sons, for his birth occurred in Shelby county, January 13, 1836. His paternal grandfather, William Abbott, was a native of Pennsylvania and in pioneer days took up his abode in Shelby county, Ohio, taking an active part in the work

W. G. Abbott

of improvement and progress there. His political support was given the Whig party. His son, James Abbott, the father of our subject, was a native of Pennsylvania, but when a boy left the Keystone state and came with his parents to Ohio, the family settling in Shelby county, where he was reared, acquiring his education in the district schools. He was married there to Susan Schlusser, a native of Shelby county, reared and educated within its borders. Her death occurred about four years after her marriage in 1839 and in 1840 the father was again married, removing thence to Champaign county in 1845, his home being in Johnson township. There he remained until his death, which occurred in 1853. Unto the parents of our subject were born two children, the younger being John, who is now deceased. The second wife was Matilda Beach, a native of Shelby county, while her parents were natives of Virginia. There were six children born of this union, of whom three have passed away. All of the number were born in Champaign county with one exception.

William J. Abbott acquired the greater part of his education in this county, completing his studies when twenty-one years of age. He engaged in teaching school for twelve years, first in Shelby county and afterward in Champaign county. He had begun his work as an educator before he completed his own education. At length he turned his attention to farming, renting a tract of land in 1864 and in 1872 removed to the farm of James D. Powell, which was his place of residence until 1877. With the capital he had thus acquired through his industry and economy he purchased a farm of eighty acres and made most of the improvements thereon, ditching, draining and clearing the land of timber. He remained thereon until 1883 and then came to his present home in Concord township. He makes a specialty of stock raising and in his business affairs is meeting with creditable and deserved success.

Mr. Abbott was married in Champaign county, in 1858, to Emily V. Compton, who was born in Virginia but became a resident of Champaign county when twelve years of age. Her father had died in the Old Dominion, after which her mother removed with her children to Ohio. The family are all now deceased with the exception of Mrs. Abbott. Unto our subject and his wife have been born five sons and five daughters, all natives of Champaign county, namely: Charles M., who is engaged in the clothing business in Chicago, Illinois; John H., at home; Anna, who is the wife of Walter S. Wilson, a farmer of Champaign county; Minnie A., the wife of Dr. W. H. Hinkle; Emma Maude, the wife of D. H. Taylor, a farmer of Champaign county; Oma J., the wife of Dr. C. E. Stadler of West Cairo, Ohio; Ora M., the wife of Frank J. Barger of Champaign county; and Chester P., at home. Two of the sons died in infancy.

Mr. Abbott has served as township clerk for a number of years and in his political affiliations is a Republican, taking an active and helpful interest in the work of the party. Both he and his wife are members of the Concord Methodist Episcopal church and their labors have contributed to its upbuilding and growth. Mr. Abbott is a representative farmer, whose progressive methods, unremitting diligence and resolute purpose have been salient features in his success, enabling him to win a place among the substantial men of his community. He now farms two hundred and seventy-eight acres and is one of the leading farmers of Champaign county. Since 1882 he has, in addition to his own land, been cultivating the Oliver Taylor farm.

HARRISON CRAIG.

The subject of this sketch occupies a position of prominence in connection with the industrial activites of Champaign county, of which he is a native son, and he is recognized as one of the representative

and progressive business men of the thriving city of Urbana, where he holds the dual office of secretary and manager of the Urbana Egg Case Company, whose enterprise is one of the most extensive of the sort in the Union.

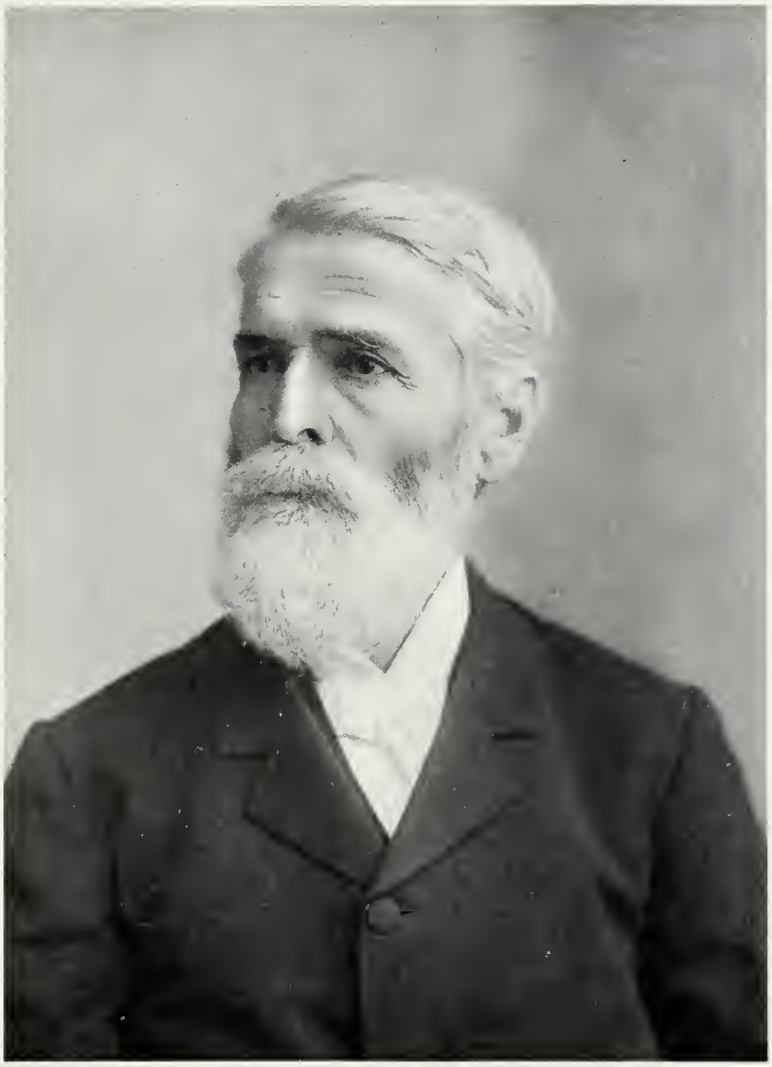
In the agnatic line Mr. Craig is of stanch Scottish lineage, as the name implies, while on the maternal side the genealogy is of German origin. He was born in the city of Urbana on the 23d of August, 1847, being the son of William B. and Indiana (Hess) Craig, the former of whom was born in Berkeley county, Virginia (now West Virginia), and the latter in Champaign county, Ohio, whither her father, Jacob Hess, removed from Hillsboro, Kentucky, and became one of the pioneer settlers in Champaign county, where he devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. The father of our subject was reared and educated in the Old Dominion state, but when a lad of thirteen years he severed the home ties and came to Zanesville, Ohio, where he remained until he had attained his legal majority, when he came to Champaign county, where he was engaged in farming during the residue of his active and useful lift, being successful in his efforts and being honored as one of the sterling citizens of the county. His death occurred in 1886, at the age of sixty-eight years, and his widow still resides on the old homestead farm in Harrison township. Of their union were born six sons and three daughters, of whom all are living, the subject of this review being the eldest of the family.

Though born in Urbana, as has been noted, Harrison Craig was reared to the sturdy discipline of the old farm, while to the public schools of the locality and period he is indebted for the early educational privileges which were accorded him. In 1870 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary M. Baker, and they took up their abode on a farm in Harrison township, where he was successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits for a score of years.

In the year 1891 Mr. Craig took up his residence in the city of Urbana, where he was one of the organizers of the Urbana Egg Case Company, of which he became secretary and manager, having ever since retained the incumbency and having been one of the prime factors in the building up of the large and important business of the company, whose operations are now of wide scope, making the enterprise one of marked value in connection with the industrial activities of this section. The other members of the executive corps are W. R. Ross, who is president and treasurer; and H. N. Kirby, who holds the office of vice-president. In politics Mr. Craig is independent, and while taking proper interest in public affairs of a local nature he has never sought the honors or emoluments of public office. He and his wife are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church. They have six children, namely: Minnie L., Claude C., Mamie G., Ethel A., Grace G. and Chauncy D.

HENRY C. PEARCE, A. M., M. D., PH. D.

Henry Clay Pearce, who for a number of years has been actively engaged in medical practice in Ohio, is one of the representative members of the profession in this section of the state. He has ever stood as the champion of progress, and his influence has been exerted at all times on the side of right and truth. The Doctor was born in Union township, Champaign county, April 10, 1833, a son of Harvey C. and Beulah (Barrett) Pearce, also natives of this county. The father, who was born in 1805, was called to his final rest in 1891, and the mother passed away in death in 1885, at the age of seventy-six years. The former was a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Collins) Pearce, and Thomas Pearce was a hero of the American Revolution. He removed



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from New York to Maryland, and in a very early day came to Ohio. The mother of our subject was a daughter of Captain Abner Barrett, a soldier in the war of 1812, and he, too, was among the very early settlers in Champaign county. In his early life Harvey C. Pearce followed agricultural pursuits, but for many years thereafter was a prominent shoe merchant of Urbana. In political matters he was a Whig, and for several years while residing in Union township he served as a justice of the peace. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and they lived consistent, Christian lives, while for many years he was a local minister and did effective work in the cause of his Master. This worthy couple became the parents of eight children, namely: Henry Clay, of this review; Lucas E., deceased; Abner B., a resident of Champaign county; John W., of Chicago; William Raper and Mary E., both deceased; Richard S., of Urbana; and Harvey C., deceased.

Dr. Henry C. Pearce received his elementary education in the common schools of the neighborhood. At the age of twenty years he began the study of medicine, first under the preceptorship of Dr. Carter, of Urbana, and afterward with Dr. Dawson, while still later he became a student in the Starling Medical College, in which institution he was graduated in 1863. For five years previous to his graduation he had practiced his chosen profession at Mutual, Champaign county, and since 1864 he has been numbered among the leading medical practitioners of Urbana. From 1866 until 1874 he served as professor of physiology and microscopic histology in the Starling Medical College, of Columbus, Ohio, was the founder and trustee of the Columbus Medical College, and from 1874 for a period of seventeen years was professor of obstetrics and surgical diseases of women in the Columbus Medical College, retiring from the latter position on account of failing health. He has long been a member of the Ohio State Medical Society and of the

American Medical Association, and in 1866 was made surgeon by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, a position which he has since continuously held, covering a period of longer service with the company in that capacity than any other surgeon. For nineteen years the Doctor was a member of the school board of Urbana, the cause of education ever finding in him a warm friend, and for over fifty years he has been a worthy member of the Methodist church.

In 1854 Dr. Pearce was united in marriage to Sarah Jane Morgan, but she was called to the home beyond in 1872, leaving four children,—Laura Etta, the wife of C. E. Macher, of Piqua, Ohio; Ella, who became the wife of George E. Lee, and is now deceased; Charles W., of Urbana; and Henry M. A daughter also died in infancy. In 1873 the Doctor was a second time married, Binnie A. Keller becoming his wife. She is a daughter of William Keller, an old and prominent resident of Urbana, who at one time served as mayor of the city. Unto this union were born two children,—Frank C., a physician of Edith, Tennessee, and a graduate of the Tennessee Medical College, of Knoxville; and William K., a promising young man who died at the age of twenty-two years. The Doctor is both a Knight Templar and Scottish Rite Mason.

Henry M. Pearce, a son of Dr. Henry Clay Pearce, was born and reared in Urbana, the date of his birth being December 20, 1868. His early education was received in the public schools of this city, and after completing his studies therein he began preparation for the medical profession under his father's direction. In 1867 he entered the Starling Medical College, of Columbus, in which he was graduated on the 4th of March, 1890, and, associated with his father, he has since followed the practice of his chosen profession in Urbana. He is a member of the Ohio State Medical Society, of the Champaign County Medical Society, of the American Medical Association, and since the begin-

ning of his professional career has served as surgeon for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. For eleven years he served his county as its physician and is now the city health officer. He is a Republican in politics, a Knight Templar Mason and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In 1890 Dr. Henry M. Pearce was united in marriage to Anna M. Sleffel, a native of Australia, and they have two children,—Linda Etta and Edwin Clay.

EDGAR G. BANTA.

Among the young men of Urbana whose records partake of the remarkable by reason of brilliant successes achieved is Edgar S. Banta, a gentleman of splendid ability, of keen discernment and unfaltering enterprise and yet one whose success has been so worthily achieved that there is not a blot on his record. He was born in Urbana, November 30, 1871, and is a son of John A. and Emma R. (Geiger) Banta His father was a native of New York and in the early 'fifties came to Champaign county. Our subject was born and reared in his native city, and acquired his early literary education in the public schools, being graduated on the completion of a high school course in 1888. He then pursued a general course in the Urbana University and his law studies were pursued under the direction of his grandfather, Judge Levi Geiger, and Grant V. Fromme. In June, 1893, he was admitted to the bar and at once opened an office, where, by close application to business, by careful preparation of his cases and by a thorough understanding of legal principles, he has built up an enviable reputation. He has made a specialty of patent law and is thoroughly informed in this department of jurisprudence. Prior to his admission to the bar Mr. Banta estab-

lished what is now one of the largest fire underwriting agencies of the county. His first company was the American Central of St. Louis. A few months after establishing his agency he formed a partnership with his uncle, Charles L. Geiger, which continued until the latter's death in January, 1895. Rapid progress was made along this line of business, the number of companies increasing from one to seven, representing a capital of over eleven million dollars, the following old, reliable and well known companies now comprising the agency: Phenix Insurance Company of New York; St. Paul Fire and Marine, Minnesota; Glens Falls Insurance Company of New York; Girard Fire and Marine Insurance Company of Philadelphia; Reliance Insurance Company of Philadelphia; German Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburg; the North German Fire Insurance Company of New York; and the Delaware Insurance Company. Mr. Banta has also added the life, accident and employers' liability branches to his insurance business and represents the leading companies of America in these lines. He is now the senior member of the firm of Banta & Spahr, Ohio managers for the Illinois Life Insurance Company. Mr. Banta also represents, as attorney and special agent, the Indemnity Savings and Loan Company of Cleveland, the capital stock of which is ten million dollars, and in this connection has done a large amount of business. He also negotiates real estate transfers and his activity in this direction has contributed not a little to business prosperity in Urbana. A man of resourceful business ability, he carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, and his efforts have been so persistently directed along well defined lines of labor that he has met with splendid success.

In 1898 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Banta and Miss Alberta A. Spahr, a daughter of the Rev. A. N. Spahr, a former minister of the Grace Methodist Episcopal church. Socially he is identified with the Harmony Lodge, No. 8, F. & A. M. He gives his political support to

the Republican party and as a citizen is deeply interested in everything pertaining to the public welfare and progress. His business methods are of interest to all, because of the brilliant success he has achieved, and yet his prosperity has been won along the lines of old and time-tried maxims. He has placed his dependence in industrial perseverance and a careful outlook over the future and these qualities have been the important elements in his career.

CHARLES A. OFFENBACHER, M. D.

On the roll of the able and honored members of the medical fraternity in Champaign county is to be found the name of the subject of this sketch, and he is established in practice in St. Paris, where he has attained high prestige in his profession and built up a large and representative business, being a close student of medical and surgical science and having thoroughly fortified himself for the practice of the same. A review of his life is consistently incorporated in this volume, and it is the more consonant from the fact that he is a native son of Champaign county.

Dr. Offenbacher, as the name indicates, is of German lineage, though the family has long been identified with the annals of American history. He was born on a farm in Jackson township, Champaign county, on the 9th of December, 1845, being a son of Aaron and Mary (Alexander) Offenbacher, his father having been a native of Virginia, whence he emigrated to Ohio in the early '40s, locating in Johnson township, Champaign county, where he devoted the remainder of his life to agricultural pursuits. He was twice married, and his first wife died shortly after the removal to Ohio, having been the mother of eight chil-

dren, all of whom are now deceased. Mr. Offenbacher subsequently married Miss Mary Alexander and they became the parents of three children,—the Doctor and Amanda, who is the wife of James Hone, of Degraff, Logan county. Aaron Offenbacher died on the 1st of January, 1859, and his second wife was summoned into eternal rest on the 6th of April, 1895.

The subject of this sketch received his preliminary educational discipline in the district schools of his native township, and so applied himself to his studies and had such distinct powers of assimilation that he became eligible for pedagogic honors, giving inception to his career as a teacher when eighteen years of age and thereafter devoting his attention to this line of work during a period of six years, in Champaign, Miami and Shelby counties, and being very successful in his work. It was but natural that a man of such distinct individuality should early form definite plans for a future career, and thus we find that in the midst of his duties as a teacher he began reading medicine under the direction of Dr. M. V. Speece, of Quincy, Logan county, who was his preceptor during the entire course of his preliminary technical study. The Doctor was dependent upon his own resources in thus preparing himself for his profession, and had the good judgment to so husband his means as to be able to continue his work under the best of conditions, since he finally was matriculated in the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, where he completed the prescribed course, being duly graduated as a member of the class of 1870 and receiving his coveted degree of Doctor of Medicine. Six months after his graduation Dr. Offenbacher entered upon the active practice of his profession in the village of Spring Hills, this state, and there he built up a large and lucrative practice, continuing his residence there for a period of twelve years, within which time he failed to respond to only three calls, his devotion to his profession having ever been of the most unequivocal order, while his humanitarian spirit has prompted

him to never refuse to minister to those afflicted, no matter what their station in life. In 1883 the Doctor came to Saint Paris, where he has since devoted himself to the demands of his practice, which has been cumulative in character from the beginning and which is of the most representative order. He keeps in close touch with the advances made in all branches of his profession, and in 1897 took a special post-graduate course in the Chicago Polyclinic, while two years later he took a special course in clinics under Dr. H. H. DePew, a representative specialist residing in Chicago. For the past three years our subject has been giving special attention to the treatment of hemorrhoids and hernia, having made a careful study of these diseases and the most effective methods of treatment, and having been particularly successful in the handling of cases of the sort. As a specialist in these lines he has attained a high reputation, and his services are in requisition on the part of many from outside the normal confines of his professional field of labor.

Dr. Offenbacher has always taken a lively interest in local affairs of a public nature, and his political allegiance is given to the Democratic party, minus the whisky element. During a decade of the twelve years of his residence in Spring Hills he served as a member of the board of education, and since locating in St. Paris he has been incumbent of a similar position for seven years, while for two years he has been clerk of the municipal corporation. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a member of St. Paris Lodge, No. 246, Russell Encampment, No. 141, and having passed all the official chairs in the subordinate body.

On the 11th of August, 1870, Dr. Offenbacher was united in marriage to Miss Sarah C. Smoot, a native of Shelby county, and they have four children, namely: Minnie, who is the wife of Franklin Clem; and James V., Charles F. and William E. The family are prominent in the

social life of the community and the Doctor is held in the highest esteem by all who know him, while recognized as one of the representative physicians and surgeons of the state.

THOMAS A. COWGILL.

The name of Captain Thomas A. Cowgill stands conspicuously forth on the pages of Ohio's political history. He was born near Kennard, Champaign county, July 31, 1840. The Cowgills came from England to America on the ship with William Penn, locating first in Delaware and afterward made their way to Virginia. In the latter commonwealth, Thomas Cowgill, the grandfather of our subject, was born and there reared and married. In 1800 he took up his abode in Columbiana county, Ohio, where he followed farming and blacksmithing until 1817 and in that year came to Champaign county. He was a Quaker in his religious belief, and in that faith died in 1846. He donated the ground on which the Mount Carmel church was built.

Henry Cowgill, the father of our subject, was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1801, and in 1817 came with his parents to Champaign county. His death here occurred in 1870, at the age of sixty-nine years. He, too, was a member of the Friends' church. For his wife he chose Anna Marmon, who was born in North Carolina in 1801. Her father, Martin Marmon, was also a native of North Carolina and was a farmer by occupation. In 1805 he took up his abode in Logan county, Ohio, locating near what is now Zanesfield, where he improved a large farm. He took an active part in the organization of the county, and for many years served as its treasurer. The Marmon family were originally Huguenots, and they left their southern home on account

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of the slavery question. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cowgill were born eleven children, nine daughters and two sons, and all but two of the daughters grew to years of maturity, while six of the number are still living: Eliza, the wife of Edwin L. Carrol, of Adell, Iowa; Susan M., the widow of William M. Mead, of Salina, Kansas; Samuel, of Salem township, Champaign county; Electa and Cynthia, who are still unmarried; and Thomas A., the subject of this review. Those who have passed away are Angelina, Martha A. Morgan, Sarah Pellett and two who died in childhood.

Thomas A. Cowgill was born on the farm on which he still resides. His youth was spent as a student in the primitive log school houses of the period and in assisting his father in the work of the home farm. In 1862 he enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company E, Ninety-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, of which he became captain, and with his command he served as a brave and loyal soldier for two years, on the expiration of which period he was discharged on account of ill health. During his military career he served in many of the principal battles of the war, including that of Vicksburg. Receiving an honorable discharge in 1864, he then returned to the old home farm, where he remained until 1867, and in that year, in company with J. B. Thomas, he erected an elevator at Kennard and engaged in the grain business. In 1875 he was first elected to the house of representatives, becoming a member of the sixty-second general assembly, in which he served as chairman of the committee on agriculture and also on other important committees. His services were so satisfactory to his constituents that they secured for him a renomination without any opposition. Re-elected in 1877, he became a member of the sixty-third general assembly, which proved to be the most unsavory in the history of the state, mainly by reason of the fact that the house of representatives contained but thirty-nine Republicans to seventy-

one Democrats. Realizing their helplessness in the face of this powerful majority, at the beginning of the term the Republican members held a consultation, which resulted in a unanimous agreement to commit the entire political and parliamentary management of the minority to the judgment and discretion of Hon. Peter Hitchcock, the veteran member from Geauga, and Mr. Cowgill. It is safe to say that no minority ever did such effective work, not only for the party but for sound legislation also, as did that of the sixty-third. So well were Mr. Cowgill's judgment, tact and parliamentary skill appreciated by his political brethren that before the clase of that session he was assured that in the event of his return and the house being Republican, he would be their candidate for speaker. The Republicans of this county were swift to recognize the excellent record, and he was accordingly renominated, with substantially no opposition, for a third term, an unprecedented proceeding in old Champaign county, two terms in succession having been awarded to but three of his predecessors. Elected in 1879 by an increased majority, upon the organization of the sixty-fourth general assembly, January 3, 1880, he was elected its speaker, his competitor being General John S. Jones, of Delaware, formerly a member of congress from the ninth district. Of Mr. Cowgill's administration of the duties of the high office of speaker, the first member ever elevated to that station from his section of the state, it is necessary only to say that it was eminently satisfactory, as the unanimous vote of thanks tendered him at the close of each session abundantly testified. No appeal was ever uttered against his decisions, nor were his rulings ever seriously questioned.

In 1885 Mr. Cowgill was requested to be again a candidate for the legislature, and was accordingly nominated and elected for the fourth time by the largest majority ever given for that office in the county. Soon after the organization of the sixty-seventh general assembly

charges of bribery and corruption in connection with the election of the United States senator were alleged against three members of the house. Mr. Cowgill was strongly urged by the leading Republicans to offer a resolution of inquiry as to their truthfulness. He did so, and was made chairman of what became known as the "Payne Investigation," in many respects the most celebrated in the history of the state. In 1887 Mr. Cowgill was nominated for senator by the Republican senatorial convention which convened at Springfield for the eleventh district, and at the election received the highest plurality ever given a nominee for that office in this now widely known senatorial district. His services in the Ohio senate were laborious and conspicuous. He was an active member of the joint legislative committee on "constitutional revision," which formulated the proposed amendments to the constitution voted upon at the last election, and was also chairman of the committee on penitentiaries, universities and colleges. As will be seen he served ten years in the general assembly of Ohio, and it is worthy of remark that this length of service has been equalled by but two men now living, ex-Senator Ford, of Geauga, and ex-Senator Reed, of Ross, neither of whom was ever speaker of the house. For eleven years he has served as a trustee of the Ohio State University, for four years of which time ex-President R. B. Hayes was a member of the university board, and for a few years has been president of its board of trustees. He was made a delegate to the Republican state convention at Columbus, which nominated the state delegates for the election of Abraham Lincoln, and this was the beginning of his political career. While Captain Cowgill does not desire further conferment of office he is as much alive to-day to the best interests and work of the party in the state as he has ever been. It is safe to say, that as long as life continues the Captain will be politically alive and abreast of the times in state politics.

Since 1892 Mr. Cowgill has lived in quiet retirement at his pleas-

ant home near Kennard, where he owns a fine homestead of three hundred and fifty acres. In former years he was largely engaged in the stock business, and has also served as a trustee for many large estates. He is a man of strong mentality, keen discernment, great tact and resolute purpose, and was therefore well fitted for the political honors conferred upon him. His business interests have also been capably managed and have brought to him the handsome competence which to-day enables him to live retired. He commands the respect of his fellow men by his sterling worth, and Ohio numbers him among her honored sons.

JACOB McMORRAN.

That Jacob McMorran is one of the leading and influential citizens of Champaign county and that he enjoys in a high degree the confidence of his fellow townsmen is indicated by the fact that he has been called to serve in many public offices in this locality. He was for six years county commissioner and proved most capable in that position, exercising his franchise prerogatives in support of all measures which he believed would contribute to the general good. He is now living retired in Saint Paris, having formerly been connected with the grain trade there.

Mr. McMorran was born in Jackson township, Champaign county, on the 15th of June, 1833. His father, Samuel McMorran, was a native of Rockingham, Pennsylvania, while the paternal grandfather, James McMorran, was a native of Scotland. Taking up his abode in Pennsylvania, he there died when his son Samuel was about eight years of age. His wife was a native of Ireland and was of Scotch-Irish descent. Samuel McMorran was reared in Pennsylvania, and New York, and when a young man came to Champaign county. He started out to earn his own living when about twelve years of age and nine years

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later took up his abode in Ohio, locating first in Dayton. He was employed as a farm hand in that locality or working at anything that he could get to do that would yield to him an honest living. He was married in Dayton and then came to Champaign county, settling in Millerstown. As the years passed he prospered in his business undertakings and became a leading and active citizen of his community. He was honored with a number of local offices and gave his political support first to the Whig party and afterward to the Republican party. He voted in Johnston township when there were about thirty Whig votes and two hundred Democratic votes. He held membership in the Missionary Baptist church, taking an active interest in its work, and his support was ever given to every measure which he believed would promote the progress and welfare of his community. He lived to the age of eighty-seven years. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Barbara Heaston, was born in Virginia, and when about twelve years of age came with her parents to Ohio, the family settling near Hamilton. Her father was a native of Germany and when a young man crossed the Atlantic to the new world. Mrs. McMorran died when about seventy-four years of age. By her marriage she had become the mother of the following named: John, James, Christopher, Samuel, Jacob and Eliza.

Jacob McMorran was the youngest son and is the only survivor of the family. He was reared within one mile of Saint Paris and at the usual age entered the district schools where he became familiar with those branches of learning which serve as a foundation of all success in life. As a companion and helpmate for life's journey he chose Miss Mahala Boswell, the wedding being celebrated on the 6th of November, 1853. The lady is a native of this county and a daughter of David and Nancy (Colbert) Boswell, who were early and honored

pioneer settlers of Champaign county. The former came from Kentucky and the latter from Virginia.

For three years after his marriage Mr. McMorran resided upon the old farm homestead and then located in Saint Paris. Subsequently he spent six years in Woodford county, Illinois, where he was engaged in farming and on the expiration of that period returned to Ohio, settling in Saint Paris, where he engaged in the grain trade for many years, handling a large quantity of grain annually, his sales bringing to him a comfortable competence. When elected county commissioner in 1884 he turned the grain business over to his sons, John and Grant, who have since continued it with good success. Mr. McMorran served so capably in the office that he was re-elected in 1887 and continued in the position for six years, a most worthy and faithful incumbent. He has also been treasurer of Johnson township and a member of the council of the village of Saint Paris. In politics he has ever been a stanch Republican from the organization of the party. He voted for Fremont, its first candidate, and in 1900 his support was given to William McKinley. Socially he is connected with the Masonic fraternity and is a member of the Baptist church, of which Mrs. McMorran has also been a member for more than fifty years. His life has ever been as an open book, which all may read. His entire career will bear investigation and throughout the years of his manhood he has been found an earnest champion of improvement and progress along social, intellectual and moral lines.

ENOCH McCARTY.

Throughout his entire life Enoch McCarty has been a resident of Champaign county and for many years was accounted one of her leading, influential and progressive business men, but he is now living in quiet re-

tirement, his labor in former years having enabled him to lay aside active cares. He was born on the farm on which he now resides, on the 11th of January, 1833. His father, Stephen McCarty, was a native of Virginia, and in Loudoun county of that state was united in marriage to Deborah Thompson, who also claimed the Old Dominion as the state of her nativity, and after the birth of two of their children they came to Ohio, locating near Zanesville. Later they took up their abode in Goshen township, Champaign county, and two years afterward bought the farm on which our subject now resides, their first residence here being a little log cabin, which during the first summer contained but a dirt floor. The land was then in its primitive condition, not a stick of timber having been cut, and everything was new and wild. As the years passed by, however, Mr. McCarty succeeded in placing his land under a fine state of cultivation, and on this farm both he and his wife spent their remaining days, the former passing away at the age of eighty-six years, while the latter was called to her final rest at the age of seventy-six years. They became the parents of six children, namely: Elizabeth Ann, deceased; James, who prior to his death was one of the representative citizens of Champaign county; John, also deceased; Daniel, a resident of Auglaize county, Ohio; Enoch, of this review; and Thomas, who died when young. In an early day Mr. McCarty voted with the Whig party, and after the organization of the Republican party he joined its ranks and afterward remained loyal to its principles. He was a public-spirited and progressive citizen, manifesting a commendable interest in everything pertaining to the public welfare, and his honorable record won him the confidence and respect of the entire community.

Enoch McCarthy, of this review, has spent his entire life on the farm on which he now resides, and in his youth was a student in the primitive log school house of the neighborhood, which he attended about three months during the year, the remainder of his time having been spent

in assisting his father in the work of the home farm. In 1864 he enlisted for service in the Civil war, entering Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for one hundred days, and on the expiration of that period received an honorable discharge at Columbus. Ere leaving for the war, in 1864, Mr. McCarty was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Jane Morgan, a native of Wayne township, Champaign county, Ohio, and a daughter of Abel Morgan, one of the prominent pioneers of that township. Two children have graced this marriage, —Louisa, the wife of J. W. Ratchford, a railroad employe in Saint Paris, Ohio, and John S., who married Susan Cushman and resides on the old homestead. Throughout his entire business career our subject has devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits, and the community has long numbered him among its representative citizens. His homestead contains three hundred and twenty-four acres of rich and fertile land, and all of the improvements thereon stand as monuments to his thrift and ability. Since the organization of the Republican party he has given a stanch support to its principles, his first presidential vote having been cast in 1856, and he supported Lincoln at both elections. He continues his old army associations through his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, Harry Davis Post, No. —, at Woodstock, and is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of that city. He is a man of integrity, of firm convictions and marked fidelity to the duties of life, and Champaign county numbers him among her worthy sons.

GEORGE A. TALBOTT.

America owes much of her progress and advancement to a position foremost among the nations of the world to her newspapers, and in no line has the incidental broadening out of the sphere of usefulness

been more marked than in this same line of journalism. In many of the smaller cities of the Union there have been enlisted in the newspaper field men of broad mental grasp, cosmopolitan ideas and notable business sagacity, and the hour has not yet arrived when it can be said that "country journalism" is ineffective or that its functions are exercised without vigor and marked influence.

For more than a quarter of a century the subject of this review has been identified with newspaper work in Urbana, Champaign county, Ohio, rising from the lowest position through all grades of mechanical, editorial and managerial duty and proving himself a valuable factor in each position occupied. It is interesting to note that he has during this long period been concerned in a single journalistic enterprise, though the scope of the same has been broadened from time to time to meet normal business exigencies and popular demands, and that his identification has been consecutive save for an interval when he withdrew to render service in an office of distinctive public trust and responsibility. He is now business manager of the Daily Citizen and Weekly Gazette, in the office of which he began his apprenticeship as a devotee of the "art preservative of all arts" in the year 1874. The propriety of incorporating a review of his career in this work is manifest, since he is recognized as one of the representative citizens and business men of the thriving city of Urbana.

George A. Talbott is a native son of the Buckeye state, having been born in Barnesville, Belmont county, on the 8th of January, 1854, being the son of William A. and Rebecca C. Talbott, representatives of pioneer families of the state. He is indebted to the public schools of his native town for his early educational discipline, there continuing his studies until he had attained the age of sixteen years, when he entered the office of the Barnesville Enterprise, to learn the printer's trade. It has been well said that a newspaper office offers a liberal education, and in the

case of our subject it is evident that through this source he most effectively supplemented the training received in the schoolroom. In October, 1874, Mr. Talbott came to Urbana and secured a position in the office of the old Citizen and Gazette, which was then a hebdomidal publication, under the control of the venerable Joshua Saxton and William A. Brand. Of his rise an article previously published speaks as follows: "For twenty-two years he followed his chosen vocation, filling every position from the bottom to the top. When the Daily Citizen was founded he was called from the case and made city editor, a position which he filled until a year ago (1895), when he retired to enter upon his duties as a public official." The office mentioned was that of county treasurer, to whch he was elected in the year noted, giving a most capable and discriminating administration of the finances of the county and being chosen as his own successor in 1897, thus serving continuously for four years. Economy was brought about through his well directed efforts and he retired from the office in 1900 with an enviable record. Mr. Talbott then became identified once more with the newspaper enterprise to which he had given many years of service, and he is now business manager of the concern, being a stockholder of the company and handling its affairs with distinctive ability, making the success of the enterprise cumulative in character.

In his political proclivities Mr. Talbott is a stalwart Republican, and he has been an enthusiastic and effective worker in the cause of his party for many years. He was chairman of the Champaign county executive committee of the party from 1891 to 1894, both dates inclusive, while in 1893 and 1894 he was a member of the Republican state central committee. His influence in the local political field has been marked, and he has ever taken an active interest in public affairs, aiding in every possible way all projects and enterprises advanced for the good of his city and county. Fraternally he is identified with the

Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Royal Arcanum, and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal denomination, both he and his wife being members of Grace church in their home city.

On the 12th of April, 1877, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Talbott to Miss Julia C. Ross, who was born in Urbana, the daughter of the late Philander B. Ross, one of the representative citizens of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Talbott have three children,—Frank, Stella and Bert.

BARNET A. AUGHINBAUGH.

There is an obscurity in the game of life that, to the robust mind, is always attractive. The uncertainty which must, perforce, ever exist augments rather than minifies individual incentive. To push forward to the goal of definite success is the one common impulse and ambition of humanity. But in this vast concourse of struggling competitors the number who achieve success is comparatively small, and the man who makes his life prolific and useful and who becomes independent and successful through the exercise of indomitable will, untiring energy and honesty of purpose, is assuredly deserving of a due measure of credit and the unqualified esteem of his fellow men. The subject of this review is numbered among the representative citizens and progressive business men of the city of Urbana, with whose industrial activities he has been identified for nearly two score years, building up an enterprise of no inconsiderable scope and importance, winning success by his own efforts and gaining the confidence and good will of all with whom he has been thrown in contact. The records of such lives justify the compilation of works of this nature.

From records extant it is evident that the Aughinbaugh family has

been identified with the annals of American history from the colonial epoch, the original American ancestor having come hither from Germany and located in Pennsylvania, where several generations of the line have been born. Barnet Asbury Aughinbaugh, the immediate subject of this review, is a native of the old Keystone state of the Union, having been born in the city of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on the 19th of October, 1837, the son of William and Lydia Ann (Deal) Aughinbaugh, both of whom were born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, the former being a son of Barnet Aughinbaugh, who was likewise born in the Keystone state, becoming one of the prominent and influential citizens of Cumberland county, where he held various positions of public trust and responsibility, retaining his residence in Carlisle for many years and there conducting a hotel. William Aughinbaugh was reared and educated in the city of Carlisle and there learned the tinner's trade, to which he devoted his attention for a number of years. He was one of the California argonauts of 1849, making the long and perilous journey to the new Eldorado in that memorable year and there devoting his attention to the mining of gold for nearly twenty years. He then returned to the east and joined his family, who had removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, about the year 1859, and later they removed thence to Illinois, where the husband and father died in the year 1867, at the age of fifty-six years. His widow eventually came to Urbana and was thereafter cared for with true filial solicitude in the home of her son, the subject of this sketch, until her death, in 1892, at the age of seventy-five years. Of her seven children five survive.

Barnet A. Aughinbaugh received his early educational discipline in the public schools of his native state, the family having removed to Shippensburg when he was a lad of about ten years. He there served an apprenticeship at the trade of carriage manufacturing, and thus laid the foundations for that successful business career which has been his in

connection with this line of industry. After the completion of his three years' apprenticeship he was employed as a journeyman in various localities, finally locating in the city of Cincinnati, where he was employed at his trade for a period of seven years. At the expiration of this time Mr. Aughinbaugh came to Urbana, in 1866, and here entered into partnership with Aaron Heiserman, establishing a manufactory of fine carriages and buggies and conducting business under the firm name of Heiserman & Aughinbaugh for six years, when the firm of Aughinbaugh & McComb was organized, and this alliance continued six years, while for an equal period were operations continued in turn under the firm names of Aughinbaugh & Baker Brothers and Aughinbaugh & Todd, and then our subject became sole proprietor of the enterprise, which he has ever since continued to conduct under his own name. He has a well equipped factory, and the products of the same include the highest grade of lighter vehicles, a specialty being made of hand-made work and special designs being executed with the highest grade of workmanship and finish, thus giving the concern a reputation which is unassailable, fortified as it is by long years of straightforward and honorable dealing on the part of the proprietor, who has been consecutively identified with the enterprise from the time of its inception. In addition to the manufactory Mr. Aughinbaugh also deals in vehicles manufactured by other concerns, thus having various grades and being enabled to cater to all demands in matters of price, style, etc., the repository and general headquarters being located at 206 West Court street. Mr. Aughinbaugh cast his first vote in support of Abraham Lincoln for the presidency, and he has ever since been a stalwart Republican, though he has never taken an active part in political affairs and has never been an aspirant for office. Both he and his wife are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church and both are highly esteemed in the social circles of the city where they have made their home for so long a term of years.

In the year 1870 Mr. Aughinbaugh was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Clark, who was born in Virginia, the daughter of William Clark, who removed thence to Champaign county, Ohio, in 1848. Our subject and his wife have no children.

JOHN H. RUNYON.

When it is stated that for more than ninety years the name of the subject of this memoir has been prominently identified with the history of Champaign county, the natural inference will come that he was a representative of one of its earliest pioneer families. He passed his entire life here, bearing and honoring an untarnished name, and his history forms a link between the primitive past and the modern days of prosperity and opulent privileges and improvement. He saw the county in the days when it seemed almost on the borders of civilization, —its land wild and uncultivated, its forests standing in their primeval strength, its log-cabin homes widely scattered, and evidences of development few. In the work of progress, through which such marvelous changes have been wrought, he bore his part, as had his father before him, and he gained rank as one of the substantial and successful farmers of his native county, honored for his sterling integrity of purpose and for all those attributes that make for strong and noble manhood. Thus it becomes signally fitting that here be entered and perpetuated a memoir of his worthy life.

John H. Runyon was born on the farm, in Union township, where his widow now maintains her home, the date of his nativity having been December 10, 1817. His father, Richard Runyon, was a native of New Jersey, whence he emigrated to Champaign county in 1801,

AT THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOLDEN WEDDING OF JOHN H. AND MARY H. RUNYON, NOVEMBER 6, 1899.

the year prior to the admission of Ohio to the Union. He located in the forest wilds of Union township, being one of the earliest settlers in that section, and here he reclaimed a portion of his land and became one of the founders and builders of the Buckeye commonwealth. He continued to reside on his pioneer farm until his death, at the age of about three score years and ten. He married Betsy Sargent, who came to this county from Virginia, and they became the parents of eight children, of whom the subject of this memoir was the third in order of birth, his mother having passed away at the age of seventy-three years. John H. Runyon was early inured to the arduous work involved in the clearing and otherwise improving of the old homestead, where he was reared to years of maturity, his educational advantages being such as were afforded by the primitive subscription schools which were precariously maintained by the early pioneers. His first presidential vote was cast on his home farm, in support of William Henry Harrison, his father having been justice of the peace at the time and a man of prominence in the community, his official position leading to the holding of the elections at his home, where, it may well be imagined, the facilities were few and the formalities slight, but no corruption or ballot-stuffing could ever be charged against those honest and sterling pioneers, whose lives were simple and their manhood exalted. Our subject early took a prominent part in political affairs of a local nature, having been identified with the Whig party, and though his early advantages were most meager he had an alert mentality, and by reading and other personal application became a man of broad and exact information. He assisted in the organization of the Republican party in this county and was a prominent factor in its affairs, having been for sixteen years treasurer of Union township and for eight years county commissioner, while for a long period he was a school director of his district, ever taking an active interest in all matters touching the gen-

eral welfare and advancement of the community. His religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church and was a dominating factor in his life. He was one of those principally concerned in the erection of the Buck Creek church of this denomination, and for about a score of years held the office of deacon in the same, being one of its most zealous and devoted adherents. From the time of casting his first vote for Harrison, in 1840, until his death, he supported every presidential candidate of the Whig, and later the Republican party, his last ballot having been given in support of the lamented President McKinley, in 1900. He passed his entire life on the old homestead on which his father located in the early days, and here he made the best of improvements and at the time of his death left a valuable landed estate of two hundred and fifty-five acres. He passed away on the 4th of March, 1901, in the fulness of years and crowned with the honors which reward a life of usefulness and sterling integrity, his death being felt as a personal bereavement by the people of the community where he had lived and labored to such goodly ends.

On the 6th of November, 1849, Mr. Runyon was united in marriage to Miss Mary H. Todd, who survives him and who maintains her abode in the home so hallowed by the memories and associations of the past. She was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, on the 4th of October, 1822, being the daughter of Samuel and Nancy (Allen) Todd, both of whom were natives of that same county, where their marriage was solemnized. In 1840 they came to Champaign county, Ohio, and located near Buck Creek church, in Union township, and here the father died at the age of forty-six years, being survived by his widow for many years, and having been in her sixty-ninth year at the time of her death. They became the parents of eight children, of whom two survive, Mrs. Runyon having been the third in order of birth. She was about seventeen years of age when the family came to Champaign

county, and here she has ever since maintained her home, having the sincere esteem and friendship of the people of the community and being a devoted member of the church with which her husband was so long and prominently identified. She became the mother of two sons and one daughter, of whom R. Heber and Nancy A. are deceased. The surviving son, John N., has control of the homestead farm and has remained a bachelor.

JOHN J. ANDERSON.

Champaign county, Ohio, contributed to the federal armies many a brave and valiant soldier during that greatest of internecine and fratricidal conflicts, the war of the Rebellion, and among the honored veterans who remain to recall the incidents of the struggles on many a sanguinary battle-field, yet holding at bay that one invincible foe, death, which is fast disintegrating the noble ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic, stands the subject of this sketch, who was loyal to his country in her hour of peril and who has remained her loyal supporter in the "piping times of peace," in which he has likewise won decisive victories. He is numbered among the representative business men of Urbana and his high standing in the community entitles him to distinctive representation in this compilation.

Mr. Anderson is a native son of the Old Dominion state, having been born in Augusta county, Virginia, on the 9th of March, 1835, the son of John and Fannie (Clark) Anderson. John Anderson, Sr., was born in the same county, on the 12th of December, 1788, being a son of James and Isabella (King) Anderson, the former of whom was born in the beautiful Shenandoah valley of Virginia, in 1749, while his wife was a native of Pennsylvania, where she was born in 1758. James Anderson was a son of James, who was of Scotch-Irish lineage, having

been born in Ireland, whither his parents had emigrated from Scotland in 1665. He emigrated to America in his youth and here married a Miss McLanehan. About the year 1725 he went from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to the Shenandoah valley, Virginia, as the organizer of an exploring party. He returned to his home and later removed with his family to this famous valley, being one of the first to make permanent settlement there. He was an active participant in many of the Indian conflicts in the early days and he continued to reside in that section of Virginia until his death. His son James, grandfather of our subject, served with distinction as a soldier in the war of the Revolution. His wife, Isabella, nee King, was a daughter of John and Isabella (Christian) King, who were of Scotch-Irish lineage. Fannie (Clark) Anderson mother of the subject of this review, was born in Clarke county, Virginia, on the 4th of August, 1804, the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Smith) Clark, both of whom were born in Maryland, the latter being a daughter of James Smith. John Reynolds, great-grandfather of our subject in the maternal line, was captain of the first company organized in Washington county, Maryland, at the inception of the war of the Revolution, in which he served as captain in the Sixth Maryland Regiment of Volunteers, and he met his death, at the hands of the Indians, in March, 1799, on the Ohio river. His father, John Reynolds, came to America from Ireland and the latter's father was born in England, the religious faith of the family being that of the Presbyterian church and of the rigid Scotch type. The wife of the last mentioned ancestor was of Scotch ancestry, was born in Ireland and was a member of the church of England. They were married in the Emerald Isle, in 1681, and came to America in 1714, locating in Pennsylvania.

John and Fannie (Clark) Anderson became the parents of the following named children: Mary H., deceased; James W., to whom individual reference is made on other pages of this work; George D.;

Jane C.; Isabella A., deceased; John J., subject of this sketch; Norval W., deceased; and Sarah M. Norval W. was a Union soldier in the war of the Rebellion and was killed in the battle of Stone river, in 1863. The parents passed their entire lives in Virginia.

John J. Anderson was reared and educated in his native state, where he remained until he had attained his legal majority, when, on 1856, he came to Champaign county, Ohio, where he has ever since made his home. Here he devoted his attention to carpenter work until the outbreak of the war of the Rebellion, when his intrinsic loyalty and patriotism were quickened to definite action. On the 17th of April, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company K, Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and at the expirations of his three months' term he re-enlisted, becoming a member of Company G, Third Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, in which he served as a private until the close of the war, his service thus covering practically the entire period of this great civil conflict. Mr. Anderson participated in many of the most notable battles of the war, among which may be mentioned the following: Bull Run, Bowling Green, siege of Corinth, Munfordville, Beardstown, Lexington, Chickamauga, McMinnville, Shelbyville, Decatur, Moulton, Kenesaw Mountain, Vining Station, Peach Tree Creek, Lovejoy Station, Franklin (Tennessee), Selma (Alabama), Columbus and Macon (Georgia), besides many other skirmishes and minor engagements. With his command he performed arduous and faithful service in supporting the Union cause, and his military record is that of a gallant son of the Republic, for he always evinced the highest soldierly qualities, was ever found at the post of duty and bore uncomplainingly the hardships and vicissitudes which attended the progress of the most notable civil war in the annals of history. At the battle of Murfreesboro Mr. Anderson received a gun-shot wound in his left shoulder, and from the effects of the same he was confined for a brief interval in the field hospital, returning to his command at the end of four weeks, and

this being the only occasion on which he was incapacitated for duty during his long and faithful service. He received his honorable discharge at Edgefield, Tennessee, on the 4th of August, 1865, victory having then crowned the Union arms. He retains a lively interest in his old comrades and this fraternal spirit finds definite manifestation in his identification with the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a prominent and popular member of W. A. Brand Post, No. 98, department of Ohio, and has held all the offices in this post.

After the close of the war Mr. Anderson returned to Urbana, where he followed contracting and building until 1872, in which year he was elected city marshal of Urbana, an office which he retained consecutively for a period of twelve years, proving a capable and popular official. After his retirement from this position Mr. Anderson engaged in business, his enterprise being the handling of coal, lime, brick and building material, and in this line his efforts have been attended with gratifying success, the business having shown a continuous growth and being one of the important enterprises of the city. In politics he has ever given a stanch allegiance to the Republican party, and fraternally, aside from his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife have been for many years zealous members of the First Methodist Episcopal church.

At Urbana, on the 18th of September, 1868, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Harriet E. Kimber, who was born in Miami county, Ohio, the daughter of Emor and Phoebe Kimber. Our subject and his wife have no children.

HAMILTON MAGREW.

Within the pages of this work will be found specific mention of many worthy and representative citizens who have passed their entire lives in Champaign county and whose memories link the present-day

Hamilton, Magrew

Elizabeth Magruw

prosperity and advanced position with the pioneer days when the work of development was in progress or in its initial stages. One of the native sons of the county is Mr. Magrew, who is honored as a member of one of the sterling pioneer families of the county as well as for his own worthiness in all the relations of life. His finely improved farmstead is located in section 11, Mad River township, where he has practically passed his entire life and where he has been notably successful as an agriculturist and stock-grower.

Mr. Magrew was born in the house where he now lives, the date of his nativity having been January 31, 1834. His father, Archibald Magrew, was born in Adams county, Pennsylvania, in 1792, and at the age of eighteen years he accompanied his parents on their removal to Champaign county, Ohio, locating in Mad River township, where the grandfather of our subject, Archibald Magrew, Sr., took up a section of land (section 11), the entire tract being still covered with the native forest trees. He made a clearing and erected a log cabin, and that continued to be his home until his death, at the patriarchal age of ninety-two years. As he came to this county in the year 1810, it will at once be seen that he was numbered among the early settlers in this section of the state. He was of Irish descent, and the name was originally spelled McGrew. The father of our subject assisted in the reclamation of the pioneer farm, and in Salem township, this county, was solemnized his marriage, after which he began his career as an independent farmer on the place now owned by his son, the subject of this review. Here he passed the residue of his life, making the best of improvements on his farm and placing the same under effective cultivation, while he became recognized as one of the able and influential citizens of the county. In addition to his farming enterprise he was interested in the mercantile business in Urbana, where he also built what is known as the Magrew warehouse, and was for many years one of the leading grain dealers

in the county, buying and shipping extensively, while he also owned other valuable real estate in Urbana, including the building now utilized by Charles Ganson as a livery. In politics he was a Democrat and he served for a number of years as justice of the peace, while fraternally he was identified with the Masonic order. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Mary Taylor, and she was born in Virginia, whence, as a child, she accompanied her parents on their removal to Champaign county. Her father, John Taylor, was likewise a native of the Old Dominion state, and he became one of the early settlers in Champaign county, where he erected what was known as the Taylor mill, in what was then called Taylortown, in Salem township, the village now being known as Kingston. He carried on a successful gristmilling business there for many years and was succeeded by his son. The family is of German extraction. The father of our subject died at the age of sixty-eight years, his wife long surviving him and passing away at the age of eighty-three years. They became the parents of five sons and five daughters, and six of the number grew to years of maturity, while only two of the family are now living,—Caroline, who is the widow of Milton Fithian and who now maintains her home in Chicago, Illinois; and Hamilton, who was the youngest of the children and is the immediate subject of this sketch.

Mr. Magrew was reared on the farm where he now resides, and his early educational privileges were such as were afforded in the primitive log school house of the pioneer epoch, the same being equipped with slab seats, while the desks utilized were of slabs supported by pins driven into the log walls. Later he supplemented this training by a course of study in the academy at Urbana. After his school days he returned to the old homestead and continued to assist his father in carrying on the work pertaining thereto, and after his marriage, in 1858, he still continued his residence in the house where he was born and which he

still occupies, the same having been the home of four generations of the family, including his children. Here he has ever since continued to devote his attention to general farming and stock-raising, having made a specialty of the latter department of his industrial enterprise and having attained a high degree of success through his energetic efforts and marked business discrimination. He has made excellent improvements on his farm, which comprises one hundred and ninety-one acres, and has placed the major portion of the farm under a high state of cultivation. The old homestead has been consecutively in the possession of the family from the time when the grandfather secured the land from the government in the early pioneer days, and in the three generations the representatives of the Magrew family have worthily contributed to the work of development and progress and have stood for the most sterling integrity of character, retaining the unqualified esteem of the community in which they have lived and labored to so goodly ends. Mr. Magrew is a stockholder in the Citizens' National Bank of Urbana, and is also a member of its directorate. He at one time owned property in Fargo, North Dakota, and has traveled quite extensively through the northwest. In politics he has been an uncompromising Democrat from the time of attaining his legal majority, and for fifteen years served as trustee of Mad River township. Fraternally he is one of the most prominent members of Magrew Lodge, No. 433, Knights of Pythias, which was named in honor of himself and his brother, the late Lemuel Magrew, said lodge having its headquarters in the village of Westville.

On the 1st of November, 1858, Mr. Magrew was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Snyder, who was born in this township April 16, 1838, being the daughter of Daniel and Anna (Kizer) Snyder, who were early settlers in the county, Mrs. Magrew's grandparents, on the paternal side, having located in Champaign county as early as 1806.

She received her educational training in the schools of Urbana and Springfield, this state, and is a woman of refinement and gracious presence. Our subject and his wife became the parents of three children, namely: Luella, the wife of William F. Ring, a prominent attorney of Urbana and who is individually mentioned on another page of this work; Cyrus H. died at the age of fifteen years; and Elizabeth H. remains at the parental home. The father of Mrs. Magrew died in Mad River township July 9, 1870, at sixty-two years of age and the mother of Mrs. Magrew died in the same township March 22, 1881, having been born in 1810. The father was born in Virginia, as was also the mother. Daniel Snyder, Sr., the grandfather, was born in Virginia in 1785, and died in Mad River township in 1849. The grandmother was Barbara (Pence) Snyder, born in Virginia in 1788, and died in 1866 in this township. Her maternal grandfather, Philip Kizer, was born in Virginia, came to Ohio in 1805, was a soldier in the war of 1812, in which he was a captain, and died in 1817. His wife lived until 1837.

MILO G. WILLIAMS, A. M.

Whatever the future may have in store for that noble educational institution maintained under the auspices of the New Church, Urbana University, at no point can there fail to be on the part of those who enjoy its privileges a deep and reverent appreciation of the devoted labors of the one who stood at its head in the formative period. Though Professor Williams, with that personal modesty so typical of the man, never consented to actually accept the title of president of the university, he was virtually and essentially the incumbent of this office from the time of the organization of the institution, more than a half century ago, until his final withdrawal from active participation in the educational

work, a score of years later. He was a distinct power in his chosen field of endeavor, and it is not too much to say that he distinguished himself by the fidelity with which his multifarious duties were discharged after he was placed at the head of the infant institution. The formation of his plans was marked by wisdom and their execution by unwearied labor and care, and as a scholar, an educator and a man he commanded the highest respect and confidence. The history of his life is an integral portion of the history of Urbana University, and it is demanded that in a work that touches those who have lived and wrought so nobly within the borders of Champaign county a memoir and tribute be paid to Professor Williams, though the limitations of the work will not permit the entering into manifold details as to the inception and growth of the institution he so dearly loved and for which he so zealously labored.

The family of which the subject of this memoir was a representative was one which has long been identified with the annals of American history, as will presently be shown. Milo G. Williams was a native son of Ohio, having been born in the city of Cincinnati on the 10th of April, 1804, the son of Jacob and Eunice (Grummond) Williams. His father was born in the year 1775, in New Jersey. He was a son of Joshua and Sarah (Higgins) Williams, the former of whom was born in the ancient and picturesque old city of Elizabeth, New Jersey, being the son of Miles Williams, who, with his brothers John and Samuel, emigrated from their native land, Wales, to America in the colonial epoch. Records still extant show that Joshua Williams was a patriot soldier in the war of the Revolution, having been a member of the "minute men," who held themselves in readiness to respond to an alarm in the quickest possible time, thus gaining the name. He lived in New Jersey until his death, having there accumulated a large landed estate and becoming one of the influential citizens of the locality. He had inherited a large estate from his father, and his house, large mill and other property were destroyed by

fire during the Revolution, but after the close of the struggle he recouped his fortunes, having for a time maintained his home in New York city. His son Jacob, at the age of fourteen years, was sent to New York, where he held a clerkship in a mercantile establishment for one year, after which he went to Poughkeepsie to learn the blacksmith's trade. At the age of twenty, however, he became imbued with the "western fever," and finally made his way down the Ohio river and disembarked at Fort Washington (now the city of Cincinnati) in 1795 or 1796. There he was united in marriage to Eunice Grummond, daughter of David Grummond, who, like himself, was a pioneer of Cincinnati. He engaged in the work of his trade there and eventually built up an extensive business, operating a large machine shop, and there he died in the year 1840, his marriage having been blessed with thirteen children.

Milo G. Williams was reared and educated in his native city and when sixteen years of age gave inception to his long and useful pedagogic career by engaging in teaching in district schools. He thus began educational work in 1820 and did not withdraw from the same until 1870,—a full half-century later. At the age of nineteen years Mr. Williams established a private school in Cincinnati, and this proved a success, while in 1833 he accepted the general supervision of a manual training school established in Dayton. At the expiration of two years he withdrew from this position to accept the principalship of the Springfield high school, and in 1840 became principal of a Swedenborgian school in Cincinnati. In 1844 he effected a reorganization of Dayton Academy, at Dayton, and continued at its head until called upon to accept the presidency of Urbana University, in 1850, the charter of the institution bearing date of March 7th of that year, while Professor Williams was numbered among the incorporators, the university being in absolute embryo save for its charter, its organization and a plat of ground in

Urbana, the same having been donated by John H. James, of this city. We can not do better at this point than to quote from a historical narrative appearing in the Annual of Urbana University, published under the auspices of the Delta Sigma Literary Society, in June, 1901, to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the college:

In the minds of its projectors the most urgent need of the university at this stage of its affairs was a suitable person to take charge of its educational interests, and the opinion was unanimous that Mr. Milo G. Williams possessed in an eminent degree the necessary qualifications. He was accordingly invited to accept the position. Mr. Williams was at that time conducting an academy in Dayton, Ohio, and his reputation as a teacher was already well established throughout the state. The plan of establishing a New Church university at Urbana being submitted to him, and also the proposition that he should come and assume charge of the same, Mr. Williams took the matter into prayerful consideration. The records made in his private journal at this time fully testify to the weight and responsibility which he attached to the undertaking, and the serious thought which he gave the question of his acceptance of the position offered. In answer to the question, early submitted to him, of the practicability of the undertaking and the suitability of the location at Urbana, he says: "I expressed my belief that the time had arrrived when the New Church should adopt more efficient measures for the diffusion of the doctrines of the New Jerusalem, and that there were no better means for accomplishing the end proposed than the proper education and training of the young in the doctrines and life of the church, thus making them fair exponents of the truths of the New Church. As to the locality, there were no valid objections to it, but there were many good reasons in its favor."

Mr. Williams decided to accept the task of taking charge of the educational work of the university, in spite of the fact that the "re-

sponsibility would be greater and the compensation less than those of his present work." His decision was a fortunate one for the interests of the university. He possessed the qualities of infinite patience and perfect self-control, combined with an extensive knowledge of human nature; he had early learned the lesson that the art of governing others consists in the ability to govern one's self, at all times and under all circumstances. Moreover, he was a born teacher, a member of that noble race of pedagogues, now nearly extinct, for whom the modern methods of teacher-making no longer find a place. In early life Mr. Williams had studied law, and afterward, not being willing, as he expressed it, to make a living out of other people's quarrels, he pursued an extensive course in medicine. His training in the latter afterward proved of great value to him when called upon to give instruction in the various branches of natural science, in which he became a highly successful teacher. Moreover his predilections were strongly in favor of the new field of work and the possibilities it seemed to offer for carrying out some long cherished ideas. He had long considered the desirability of combining literary and scientific education with an inculcation of the doctrnes of the New Church, believing that education is worse than useless unless it elevates and purifies the affections and leads to a pure life. It was deemed best that Mr. Williams should close his academy at Dayton at once and begin the educational work at Urbana, as a preliminary to the organiztion of classes in the college. Accordingly he removed to Urbana in the summer of 1850 and engaged suitable rooms in the town for his school, as but little progress had yet been made in the construction of the university buildings. On the opening day, early in September, 1850, the room was overcrowded with applicants for admission. This school was continued until the fall of 1853, when it was removed to the college buildings, now completed, and the classes merged into those of the university. In the year 1858 the Rev.

Chauncey Giles was elected president of the university, holding the office nominally until 1870. Mr. Giles continued his ministerial work in Cincinnati, and was never charged with any teaching of classes. Up to the date of Mr. Giles' appointment Professor Milo G. Williams had filled the office of dean of the faculty and president of the board of trustees, having declined to accept the title of president of the college, which had been tendered him, modestly contending that he did not consider himself endowed with the qualifications which should be possessed by a college president. Professor Williams remained more or less actively connected with the college as an instructor in various departments of natural science until the year 1870, during this period, in addition to his class-room duties, he made many valuable contributions to science, more especially in the departments of botany, conchology and meteorology. The plants growing in the vicinity were thoroughly studied and a large herbarium was formed of the specimens collected, and placed in the college museum. His collection of the fresh-water mollusca of the Ohio river and its tributaries contains representatives of nearly all of the known species. For fifty years he made daily observations of the temperature, direction and force of the winds, humidity of the atmosphere and barometric pressure. Many of these observations were published in the Smithsonian Institution, at Washington, and constitute some of the earliest contributions to the science of meteorology, anticipating the present work of the signal-service bureau. At the time of Mr. Williams' death, which occurred at Urbana in the year 1880, the chief signal officer, General Meyer, showed his high appreciation of Mr. Williams' services to meteorology in a letter expressing the great value and importance of these services. Up to the time of his death Mr. Williams remained a trustee of the college and took an active interest in its affairs.

The above excerpt gives but little of the detail of Professor Williams' twenty years of active service in the university, but enough has been said to show how deep is the appreciation placed upon his life and labors. He was an able and liberal contributor to educational journals and his interest in the work of his chosen profession remained constant until his life's labors were closed in the gentle sleep of death. During the war of the Rebellion he was a member of the "Squirrel Hunters," and thus participated in the defense of Cincinnati. In politics he was an uncompromising advocate of the principles of the Republican party from the time of its organization, and he was one of the most influential and devoted members of New Church (Swedenborgian) in the state of Ohio. His life was one of consecration in all its relations and was ordered upon a high plane. He entered into eternal rest on the 19th of April, 1880, and not only the community, the church and his former pupils felt a sense of deep personal loss, but all could not but rejoice in the benediction afforded by the life thus translated into a larger sphere of usefulness when the veil was lifted to gain the new glory of a noble and useful life.

On the 20th of October, 1842, Professor Williams was united in marriage to Miss Mary Loring, who was born in Cincinnati, being the daughter of David and Maria (Lowey) Loring, who were early settlers of Cincinnati, whither they removed from the state of New York, the father being one of the prominent merchants of the city in the early days and a man of influence and sterling worth. The Lorings are collaterally descended from Richard Warren, who was one of the pilgrims who came to America on the Mayflower on the occasion of her first voyage, in 1620. Mrs. Williams, now venerable in years, still resides in Urbana, and in the home so hallowed by the memories and associations of the past also abide her two children,—Mary Louise and Adelaide H.

JOHN M. HUNTER.

The stanch Irish type is one which has found many representatives in the New World and is one that has ever been found foremost in giving impetus to the march of progress, in retaining a clear mental grasp and in directing affairs along safe and conservative lines. America owes much to the Irish and has honored and been honored by noble men and women of this stock. In the agnatic line the subject of this sketch is of sturdy Irish extraction, being of the third generation of the family in the United States and in Champaign county, Ohio, where his grandfather, Nathaniel Hunter, took up his abode in 1811, locating in the sylvan wilds, as one of the sterling pioneers of the county and setting himself vigorously to the task of literally hewing out a farm in the virgin forest, the land which he thus reclaimed having been furrowed and refurrowed by the plowshare for many years and giving slight evidence of the toil involved in the early days.

Nathaniel Hunter, the honored progenitor of the family in America, was born in the Emerald Isle, of fine old Celtic stock, and there he was reared and educated, his marriage being solemnized prior to his emigration to America. He left his native land in 1795, and came to the hospitable shores of the new world, locating in Greenbrier county, Virginia, where the family maintained their home until 1811, when they came to Ohio. Mr. Hunter settled on a tract of wild land in the northern part of what is now Salem township, Champaign county, where he cleared and improved a good farm and where he passed the residue of his honorable and useful life, which was devoted to the great basic art of agriculture. In the year 1820 he erected a stone house, an exceptional improvement in those days, when the usual domicile of the locality was the primitive log cabin, and this building is still standing and is in an excellent state of preservation, standing as a landmark of the early days and as a monu-

ment to the energy and progressive spirit of this noble pioneer. In politics Grandfather Hunter gave his allegiance to the Whig party, and his religious faith was that of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was a most devoted member, doing much to promote the cause of the Master in the community, while his house was a sort of religious center and a place where a genuine and cordial welcome was ever accorded to the faithful circuit-riders of the church during the pioneer epoch.

Samuel Hunter, son of the honored pioneer and father of the subject of this review, was born in Greenbrier county, Virginia, and was a lad of about six years at the time of the family removal to Champaign county, where he was reared to maturity and where he devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, becoming one of the prominent farmers and representative citizens of the county. He died at the old homestead, in Salem township, in the year 1870, at the age of sixty-five years. He married Maria Miller, who was born in Clark county, Ohio, whither her parents came as pioneers from Kentucky. She passed away in 1885, at the age of seventy-four years, and like her husband was ever sustained and comforted by a deep Christian faith, being a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Samuel and Maria (Miller) Hunter became the parents of ten children,—five sons and five daughters,—of whom one son and one daughter are deceased.

John M. Hunter, the immediate subject of this review and one of the representative citizens and business men of the city of Urbana, was born on the old homestead, in the northern part of Salem township, on the 22d of March, 1838, and he has passed his entire life in his native county, honoring the name he bears by his upright and useful career. Growing up under the invigorating discipline of the farm, he has ever retained the highest respect for the dignity of the noble vocation which figures as the bulwark of our national prosperity, and he continued to be identified with agricultural pursuits until he had attained the age of

forty years, his educational privileges in his youth being such as were afforded in the public schools of the locality and period. Upon leaving the farm Mr. Hunter located in the village of West Liberty, where for fourteen years he was successfully engaged in the agricultural implement business. At the expiration of the period noted he disposed of this business and came to Urbana, where he has since devoted his attention to the real-estate and insurance business, in which, by his honorable business methods and progressive and discriminating management, he has attained marked prestige and developed an enterprise of no inconsiderable scope and importance, his agency taking front rank and retaining a representative support. In politics Mr. Hunter exercises his franchise in support of the principles and policies of the Republican party, but has never sought the honors or emoluments of public office. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his religious faith is that in which he was reared, both he and his wife being active workers in the First Methodist Episcopal church, while our subject has been for thirty-five years prominent in the work of the Sunday-school, where is laid the foundation of true Christian faith and worthy manhood and womanhood.

On the 19th of November, 1862, Mr. Hunter was united in marriage to Miss Sallie Baldwin, who was born in this county, the daughter of Richard Baldwin, one of the pioneer farmers of this section. Of this union have been born three children, namely: F. Edgar, who is now a resident of Chicago; Nellie M., the wife of Dr. Ben S. Leonard, of West Liberty, this county; and Ralph Waldo E., who is associated with his father in business. Mrs. Hunter died April 9, 1902.

WILLIAM M. ROCK.

Biography should be written not less for the sake of perpetuating records which prove a portion of generic history than for the purpose of inculcating valuable lessons, that those who read may place them-

selves in contact with facts and affairs and be inspired to build themselves up to and into a life of excellence, not in any chance sphere of endeavor, but rather in their own rightful places, where they may keep and their individuality augment its power. With the history of Champaign county and the state of Ohio the name of Rock has been indissolubly linked from the early pioneer epoch, and has ever stood for the most exalted integrity of character and for individual usefulness and honor. Thus it becomes specially consistent that we enter a review of the career of William M. Rock, justice of the peace in the city of Urbana, which is his native city, and in which he is honored for his sterling character and also as a representative of worthy pioneer families.

Mr. Rock was born in Urbana, Ohio, on the 16th of February, 1857, being the son of John D. and Mary (Merrill) Rock, both of whom were likewise born in Urbana, the former in the year 1830 and the latter in 1832. John D. Rock was a son of William and Alice (Glenn) Rock, the former of whom was born in Virginia, whence he came to Ohio as a young man and here married Miss Glenn, who was born in Champaign county, Ohio, the daughter of William Glenn, who was a pioneer of this county, whither he and his brother John removed from the state of Kentucky. The father of our subject passed practically his entire life in his native town, and here his death occurred in the year 1898. His wife still maintains her home in Urbana. Her father, Rev. David Merrill, was born in the old Green Mountain state of Vermont and was one of the pioneer clergymen of the Presbyterian church of Urbana. He eventually returned to his native state in New England, and there passed the residue of his long and singularly noble and useful life. The old residents of Urbana yet recall to mind a stirring temperance sermon which he delivered during his pastorate here, and the same is almost invariably referred to as the "ox sermon," apropos of the principal illustration used in the discourse, which was one of great fervor and power.

John D. Rock was reared and educated in Urbana and in his youth became a clerk in the establishment of W. D. & C. McDonald, who were pioneer merchants of the town. In 1866 Mr. Rock became an interested principal in the business, the original firm being then succeeded by that of McDonald & Rock, who continued to conduct a general merchandise business for a number of years, but finally gave their attention to the handling of dry goods and carpets exclusively, Mr. Rock continuing to be actively identified with this important enterprise until the time of his death. In his political proclivities he was an uncompromising Republican, but was never an aspirant for official preferment, though he ever maintained the attitude of a public-spirited citizen, doing all in his power to further the general welfare of the community and being honored for his ability and sterling manhood. He was one of the zealous and devoted members of the First Presbyterian church, active in all good works, and for many years he served as an official of his church and was also incumbent of the position of superintendent of the Sunday-school. His widow still retains her active interest in the work of the church, and her gentle influence has been felt in the various departments. She is the mother of two children,—Alice G., who remains with her mother in the old home; and William M., the subject of this review.

William M. Rock was reared and educated in Urbana, being graduated in the high school as a member of the class of 1874. For a decade after leaving school he was engaged as a clerk in the mercantile establishment of McDonald & Rock, eventually becoming manager of the carpet department. In 1885 Mr. Rock engaged in business on his own responsibility, entering into partnership with J. R. Hughes, Jr., and establishing a furniture business, under the firm name of Rock & Hughes, operations being continued by this firm for a period of ten years, at the expiration of which our subject closed out his interests in the enterprise.

In political matters Mr. Rock has ever been stanchly arrayed in support of the Republican party and its principles, and in 1896 was elected to the office of justice of the peace, while he was re-elected in 1899, and elected again in 1902 for a term of three years, having given a most discriminating and able administration of the affairs coming within his jurisdiction. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias.

On the 25th of June, 1886, Mr. Rock was united in marriage to Miss Mary Noble, daughter of Orville Noble, a well known citizen of Urbana, and their pleasant home is a center of generous hospitality.

WILLIAM H. MARVIN.

Death often removes from our midst those whom we can ill afford to lose and when William H. Marvin was called from the scene of earthly activities Urbana felt that it had lost one of its most valued and honored citizens, for during his life he had accomplished much for himself and for his fellow men and for the community with which he was associated. As the day with its morning of hope and promise, its noontide of activity and its evening of accomplished effort, ending in the rest and quiet of the night, so was the life of this honored man.

Mr. Marvin was born in Le Roy, Genesee county, New York, December 15, 1829, and when a small boy accompanied his father on his removal to Morrow county, Ohio, the former settling at Sparta. His business career commenced when he was fifteen years of age, at which time he began clerking for J. S. Trumble, of Mount Gilead, for whom he worked for three years. In that time by strict economy he saved eighty dollars and then engaged in business for himself at Sparta, car-

W. H. Mann

rying on operations there for several years. He then removed to Cardington, where he engaged in the dry goods business, which he conducted with great success. In 1876 he became an organizer of the First National Bank of Cardington, Ohio, and for ten years thereafter was engaged in the banking business, being interested in and a director of banks in Shelby, Galion and Columbus. He was also the president of the First National Bank of Cardington, and his control of these financial institutions placed them upon a good paying basis and made them important elements in the business life of the cities in which they are located.

In 1886 Mr. Marvin came to Urbana and in company with J. F. Brand established a wholesale grocery under the firm name of W. H. Marvin & Company, beginning business in 1887. This was attended with gratifying success, but in 1896 the firm discontinued the wholesale grocery trade on account of the large increase of the business which they had instituted in the meantime. About 1892 they began cleaning fruit and manufacturing mince meat, and this proved extremely profitable from the commencement. Currants were imported from Greece and cleaned by the process originated by the firm, after which they were packed in cartons and sent to all parts of the United States, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, for the excellent quality of the goods and the reliability of the house secured them a growing patronage, which made their business eventually one of mammoth importance. The firm also cleans and packs California raisins, and on an extensive scale manufactures condensed and wet mince meat. The firm was incorporated on the 13th of October, 1897, under the name of W. H. Marvin Company. The business has had a wonderful growth and the factory presents a scene of great activity, seventy-five employes being there found. Mr. Marvin was the central and controlling figure of this industry until his death, serving as president of the company.

September 10, 1855, occurred the marriage of William H. Marvin

and Miss Loretta F. Wolcott, a native of Oakville, Genesee county, New York, who died in 1892. In their family were the following children: Anna M., the wife of James N. Johnson, of Urbana; Clitus Harry and William B. Mr. Marvin gave his political support to the Republican party and always kept well informed on the issues of the day, although he never sought office. He was a Royal Arch Mason and a member of the Episcopal church. His death occurred May 11, 1898, and thus closed a useful and honorable career. His reputation was unassailable, for from the beginning of his connection with commercial interests he exemplified in his career the old adage that honesty is the best policy. He belonged also to that class of representative American citizens, who, while promoting individual success also advance the general welfare. The social qualities of his nature endeared him to many friends, and he was no less honored in business circles than esteemed and liked in private life.

Clitus Harry Marvin, the elder son, was born in Cardington, Ohio, September 11, 1860, and after pursuing his preliminary education in the public schools, entered Kenyon College. Later he became teller in the First National Bank at Cardington and afterward of the Morrow County Bank at Mount Gilead. With his father he came to Urbana in 1886 and has since been the secretary and treasurer of the W. H. Marvin Company. Although he entered upon a business already established he has proved his ability by carrying forward the work to still greater perfection and has manifested keen sagacity, resolution and enterprise, which have classed him among the representatives of industrial and commercial interests of his adopted city. He is president of the Urbana Telephone Company, one of the best systems in the state. He votes with the Republican party and for three years served as a member of the school board. He and his wife are members of the Episcopal church. In 1888 he married Miss Amelia Talbott, a daughter of

J. G. Talbott, and they now have two interesting children: Clitus and Katherine.

William B. Marvin, the younger son of William H. Marvin, was born in Cardington, Ohio, May 30, 1865, and obtained a liberal education. He has made Urbana his home since 1886 and is now the president of the W. H. Marvin Company, also acting as manager of the manufacturing department. Both sons are men of good ability, who fear not the laborious attention to details which insures success. The straightforward business policy inaugurated by their father is maintained by them and the house has a reputation which is most creditable.

AUGUST T. GROSS.

Born among the peasantry of Wurtemberg, Germany, September 4, 1849, August T. Gross, son of Charles Frederick and Pauline (Reuther) Gross, has found in America a field of opportunity which, faithfully employed, has won for him a prominent place among the hotel men of Ohio.

Although left an orphan when eight years of age Mr. Gross experienced some compensations in his childhood, one of which was more than ordinary educational advantages, culminating in a two years' course at the agricultural college of the principality. Equipped also with the inherited and fostered traits of thrift and economy, he migrated to America in 1865, and though but sixteen years of age hopefully and even enthusiastically viewed the future among the altogether strange surroundings. In Cincinnati, Ohio, he found employment in the New England Bakery, and after learning the trade during his two years of service repaired to Carlyle, Brown county, this state, where he worked for an uncle in his general merchandise store. Two years later found

him performing various duties on a farm in the neighborhood, and while thus engaged he met and married, in 1870, Elmina Hughes, who bore him five children, two sons and three daughters. After his marriage Mr. Gross moved and tenanted another farm until 1883, which year witnessed his initiation into the hotel business as manager of a hotel at Jamestown. While in this town he became prominent in general affairs and especially in Republican politics, and not only served for six years as township clerk, but was for three years the municipal head of the city. Although convinced of his special aptitude for managing the traveling public, he yielded to one of those impulses ever afterward unaccountable, and for a time engaged in the show business with trained animals. This combination proved a losing venture, and after parting with alacrity from his well meaning but expensive brute friends he returned to his former occupation, and became manager of the hotel Portsmouth. A still later charge was the Hotel Sailor, at Massillon, Ohio, where he remained for nine months, and then went to Mount Sterling in a similar capacity. At Mechanicsburg Mr. Gross managed the Hotel Taylor for four years, and during this time entered into partnership for a year and a half in the management of the Reese House, at Kenton, Ohio. In October of 1899 he assumed control of the Douglass Inn, at Urbana, and has since been with this popular and well kept hotel. He is well known in several avenues of activity in the town and county, and is fraternally prominent, being connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Chapter Masons and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

The particular forte of Mr. Gross lies in his ability to straighten out the affairs of temporarily disabled or run down hotels, whose particular ailment he is quick to discern, and the reliable and warranted remedy is equally ready and forthcoming. Needless to say that he lays particular stress upon proper provision for the inner man; upon absolute

cleanliness in all departments of the hotels which he manages, and upon exactitude in the discharge of the innumerable little aids to success, known only to the manager who is born and not made. Personally Mr. Gross is aided by a thorough knowledge of migrating and stationary human nature; by a tact which is unfailing in dealing with applicants swung from the accustomed moorings of their own fireside, and by that rare attribute, memory of faces and names.

FRANK B. PATRICK.

In this age of colossal enterprise and marked intellectual energy the prominent and successful men are those whose abilities, persistence and courage lead them into large undertakings and assume the responsibilities and labors of leaders in their respective vocations. Success is methodical and consecutive, and however much we may indulge in fantastic theorizing as to its elements and causation in any isolated instance yet in the light of sober investigation we will find it to be but a result of the determined application of one's abilities and powers along the rigidly defined line of labor. America owes much of her progress and advancement to a position foremost among the nations of the world to her newspapers, and in no line has the incidental broadening out of the sphere of usefulness been more marked than in this same line of journalism. The subject of this review has been closely and prominently associated with journalistic interests for many years and his influence in this regard has been of no restricted order. The younger son of William R. and Isabella (Given) Patrick, was born in Urbana, Ohio, March 12, 1869.

He was reared in Urbana and when seventeen years of age was

graduated in the high school. He afterward spent two years in the Ohio Wesleyan University and after leaving college was engaged in teaching for two years. On the expiration of that period he went to Florida, where he remained for a year as stenograper for a well known law firm in Bartow. In 1891 he returned to the north to become the official stenographer for the finance committee of the lower house of the Ohio state legislature, a position which he held for two terms, and later was official stenographer in the Ohio state senate. For eight years he was identified with the Urbana Citizen as city editor. In June, 1900, he became manager of the Urbana edition of the Springfield (Ohio) Press-Republic, which position he has since held with credit and success. He has had other newspaper experience, for during three years he was on the editorial staff of the Columbus Press and the Ohio State Journal. Mr. Patrick is an accomplished and capable newspaper man, having a genius for descriptive and humorous writing, as well as good business and executive ability.

In 1895 was celebrated the marriage of Frank B. Patrick and Miss Mayme G. Craig, a daughter of Harrison Craig, of Urbana. Their home is brightened by the presence of a little son, Robert Craig Patrick. Politically Mr. Patrick is a Republican, ardent and unfaltering in support of the principles of the party. Fraternally he is a member of Harmony Lodge, No. 8, F. & A. M., of Urbana, and also of the Junior Order of American Mechanics.

SHEPHERD B. GROVE.

Champaign county, Ohio, is favored in having represented in the list of its officials and executives individuals whose endowments fully capacitate them for the discharge of the responsible duties which devolve

upon them, and in this connection we may now advert to the more salient points in the life history of Mr. Grove, who is incumbent of the office of county auditor, in which he has rendered most efficient service, and who has passed the greater portion of his life in this county, identified with various business enterprises and enjoying marked esteem and popularity in his home city of Urbana.

Shepherd Brown Grove is a native of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, where he was born on the 16th of February, 1847, the son of John W. B. and Jane (Gettys) Grove, both of whom were natives of that same county in the old Keystone state and to whom nine children were born, all of whom are living. In the year 1855 the parents of our subject removed to Champaign county, he being a lad of about eight years at the time, and they located on a farm two and one-half miles west of Urbana, retaining their residence in this county until 1864, in which year they removed to Illinois, settling in Coles county, where they passed the residue of their lives, secure in the confidence and esteem of all who knew them. Our subject received his early educational discipline in the public schools of Urbana, and here resided for a number of years in the home of his paternal grandfather. In 1864 he made a trip through the middle west, locating in the same year in Charleston, Coles county, Illinois, where for four years he was engaged in clerking and then returned to Urbana, where he held the position of clerk and bookkeeper in the clothing establishment of Herman Fisher, remaining about five years and then going to Evansville, Indiana, where he was employed about eighteen months in the mercantile establishment of M. Lyon. At the expiration of the period noted Mr. Grove returned to Urbana, where he associated himself with Joseph Fisher in the opening of a hat and men's furnishing-goods store, under the firm name of Fisher & Grove. At the expiration of one year our subject purchased his partner's interest in the enterprise, which he thereafter conducted

individually for a term of sixteen years, building up a large and representative business and being known as one of the progressive and reliable merchants of the city. After disposing of this business Mr. Grove was employed for three years as traveling salesman for A. G. Woodruff, manufacturer of hats, in New York city, and he then purchased a grocery business in Urbana, successfully continuing the same for three years and then selling out, shortly afterward, in 1899, being elected to his present responsible office as county auditor, giving so capable and satisfactory an administration that he was re-elected to the office in 1901. He accords a stanch allegiance to the Republican party, and has shown a lively interest in political affairs of a local nature. Fraternally he is one of the prominent and popular members of the time-honored order of Freemasons, in which he has rounded the circle of the York rite bodies, being identified with the lodge, chapter, council and commandery of Urbana, and having passed the official chairs in each. He was for several years consecutively incumbent of the office of captain general of his commandery of Knights Templar. He and his wife are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Urbana.

In the year 1877 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Grove to Miss Kate West, the daughter of Enoch G. West, who was a well known citizen of Champaign county, and of this union three children have been born,—Nellie, who is the wife of Frank A. Zimmer, of Urbana; and Angie and Marie, who remain at the parental home.

CHARLES B. BLACK.

This well known resident of Champaign county is one of Ohio's native sons, his birth having occurred in Wayne township on the 10th of March, 1868. His grandfather, Peter Black, was a native of Penn-

Charles B. Black. Myrtle E. Black

sylvania, but became one of the early pioneers of Wayne township, Champaign county, where he spent the remainder of his life, passing away in death when his son Peter was but four years of age. The latter was born in this county on the 14th of May, 1828, and when twenty-two years of age moved to Henry county, Iowa, but later returned to this state and located on a farm in Wayne township. After a time he again made the journey to Iowa, but a second time returned to this state, and his death here occurred on the 26th of December, 1899. In political matters he was first a Whig and afterward a Republican, and his first vote was cast in favor of the free school system. As the years passed, prosperity abundantly rewarded his well directed efforts and he became the owner of one thousand acres of rich and fertile land. He started in life a poor boy, but steadily worked his way upward, gaining success and winning the public confidence. His wife bore the maiden name of Catherine Felgar, and she was a native of Pennsylvania, of German descent. She is still living in Wayne township, where she located in a very early day. Five sons and three daughters blessed this union, namely: Samuel F.; Isaac F.; Henry E.; Granville P.; Lucretia, the wife of William Berry; Emma E., deceased; Charles B., of this review; and Cora B., deceased.

C. B. Black received his elementary education in the common schools of Wayne township, and was afterward a student in the normal school at Urbana. After completing his education he engaged in farming and reading law with Judge Middleton, of Urbana, but on account of failing health was obliged to abandon the latter occupation, and since that time has given his entire time and attention to his farming operations. He is now the owner of one hundred and eighteen acres of land adjoining the village of Cable, which is valued at one hundred dollars an acre, and this land is under an excellent state of cultivation and improved with commodious and substantial buildings. He has always taken an

active part in the public life of the county, and on the Republican ticket, of which he is a stanch supporter, he has been elected to many positions of trust and responsibility. At one time he was the candidate for the office of prosecuting attorney in a field with six candidates, and came within a few votes of winning the election. He has represented his district in all the county, state and judicial conventions of his party, and has served his second term as justice of the peace and member of the school board. His fraternal relations connect him with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Cable Lodge, No. 395, in which he has served as a delegate to many of its encampments. He passed through the chairs and is also a member of the Encampment.

In 1887 Mr. Black was united in marriage to Minnie Guyton, and of their four children only one is now living, Zella, who is thirteen years of age and attending school. For his second wife he chose Myrtle Schertzer. She is of German descent, her grandfather having been born in that country, and her parents are Emanuel and Amanda (Spring) Schertzer. This union has been blessed with two children,—Dewey, born November 8, 1898, and Helen M., born March 30, 1901. Mr. Black has led a busy and useful life, and in addition to his valuable homestead he is a stockholder in many enterprises. By his progressive and honorable methods and capable management he has gained a place among the substantial citizens and most highly esteemed business men of his county.

JUDGE WILLIAM PATRICK.

Conspicuous among the pioneers who helped to lay the foundation upon which the prosperity and progress of Urbana now rests was Judge William Patrick, and no compendium such as is defined in the essential

limitations of this volume would be complete without mention of his career. He was born in New Jersey in 1796, and in 1806 removed to Ohio with his father, Anthony Patrick. The father purchased a small tract of wild land in Brookfield township, two miles west of the boundary line of this state and Pennsylvania. During the years of 1806-7 and 8 the family endured many hardships, trials and discouragements. They needed teams with which to cultivate and clear the land, and farming implements in order to till the fields. Cows and oxen were used instead of horses and the family had little means to procure the flour and feed which could only be purchased at almost fabulous prices, and could be procured no nearer than Pittsburg. Spice-wood and sassafras were used for tea and rye for coffee. The family remained at Brookfield until the spring of 1811, when the father united with five neighbors in building a boat of sufficient capacity to contain their families and goods. They waited for a rise in the Chenango river and when it came the current carried them to the Big Beaver, where the crew disembarked and were conveyed in wagons to the foot of the falls, where they renewed their journey to the confluence of the Ohio river, proceeding down that stream to Cincinnati, where the families dispersed.

Anthony Patrick removed his family to Lebanon, Warren county, where he remained until August, 1811, at which time he took up his abode in Urbana. The same year William Patrick entered school, which was conducted on the subscription plan. As regularly as opportunity would afford he attended until the war of 1812, when his father was drafted for service and William offered to go as a substitute and was accepted. When his company was ordered to Fort Meigs he carried with him his English grammar, devoting every leisure moment to its study in order to complete his knowledge of that branch of learning. In May, 1813, he belonged to the corps that relieved the beleaguered

garrison of Fort Meigs, and at the close of the war he was the second in command of that fort.

When hostilities had ceased Judge Patrick returned to Urbana, where he learned the trade of cabinet making, which was also his father's occupation and which he followed actively and successfully until 1857. In that year he retired from business and was succeeded by his two sons, Evan B. and William R., who were engaged in the furniture business until a few years ago, when the latter died and the business was closed out. Judge Patrick was an active factor in industrial circles, and his business ability was supplemented by integrity and straightforward dealing above question.

The Judge was married, April 30, 1820, in Urbana, to Miss Rachel Kirkpatrick, a native of Pennsylvania, born in December, 1795. She died August 21, 1865. In their family were seven children.

Well fitted for leadership, Judge Patrick was often called to positions of public trust, and during the greater part of his life was engaged in official service. He was appointed township clerk of Urbana township as early as 1819, and was elected to the same position for thirty-two consecutive years. From 1824 until 1830 he was commissioner of insolvents. In 1831 he was elected justice of the peace in Urbana township and was five times re-elected, holding that position until it was superseded in 1848 by the associate judgeship, in which capacity he served until 1852. In 1841 he was elected mayor of Urbana and after serving for one term declined re-election, but in 1859 was again chosen by popular suffrage for that office and for six consecutive terms was re-elected and at last declined to again become a candidate. In 1897, although not soliciting the honor, he was elected justice of the peace and was several times re-elected. He held minor offices, such as assessor and recorder, and for several years was a member of the city council. Over the record of his public career and his private life there falls no

shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. His course was ever marked by the utmost fidelity to duty and he ever placed the national welfare before partisanship and the general good before self-aggrandizement.

Largely through his efforts Oakdale cemetery was purchased in 1854, and in 1859 a strip of land comprising a half acre was purchased for a driveway to the cemetery and called Patrick avenue. This thoroughfare was laid out and trees were planted through his superintendency and the beautiful willow driveway on Patrick avenue is a living monument to his memory. Judge Patrick was an intimate friend of the historic Indian fighter, Simon Kenton, who spent many years of his life in Urbana, and it was largely through Judge Patrick's efforts that the body of the noted warrior was brought to Oak Dale cemetery, where a beautiful monument now stands to mark the last resting place of this sturdy pioneer. Judge Patrick was a talented and forceful writer. He wrote the part of the first "History of Champaign and Logan Counties" relating to this county, and was the author of many interesting sketches of the early history of the city which were published at intervals in the local papers during his long and honored life. He died in 1891, at the age of ninety-five years.

LEWIS C. LOUDENBACK.

For many years Lewis C. Loudenback occupied a very conspicuous place among the leading business men of Champaign county. He was prominently connected with the industrial interests of the locality, and through the channels of trade contributed not alone to his individual prosperity but to the welfare of the county as well. His career was that of an honorable, enterprising and progressive business man, whose well

rounded character also enabled him to take an active interest in educational, social and moral affairs, and to keep well informed concerning the momentous questions affecting the welfare of the nation. In all life's relations he commanded the respect and confidence of those with whom he came in contact, and the memory of his upright life is an inspiration to the many friends who knew him well and were familiar with his virtues.

Mr. Loudenback was born in Mad River township, Champaign county, September 15, 1843, the third child and second son of Allen and Elizabeth (Kiblinger) Loudenback and a grandson of Daniel Loudenback, one of the early pioneers of the county. In his family were four children, and the youngest had reached the age of fifty years ere the family circle was broken by the hand of death. Allen Loudenback, the father of our subject, was born in 1814, and lived to a good old age.

Lewis C. Loudenback, of this review, was reared and educated in his native locality, attending the common schools of the neighborhood during his youth, and remained under the parental roof until his marriage, when he was twenty-two years of age. He then located with his bride on a farm in Concord township, Champaign county, where he made a specialty of the raising of hogs and short horn cattle, which products annually returned to him handsome financial profits. As the years passed by and prosperity rewarded his well directed efforts he constantly enlarged his business, and at the time of his death was recognized as one of the leading farmers and stock-raisers of Champaign county, raising principally Short-horn cattle. He placed his fields under an excellent state of cultivation and in his pastures could be seen a fine grade of stock. His efforts, however, were not confined to the work of the farm, and he carried forward to successful completion whatever he undertook. For many years he was interested in the Citizens National Bank of Urbana, in which he held an important office, and was a director

of the Ohio Strawboard Company. In his political views Mr. Loudenback was a lifelong Democrat, and for a time served as the trustee of Mad River township, discharging his official duties to the satisfaction of all concerned. He was also a prominent member of the Nettle Creek Baptist church, in which he long served as a trustee.

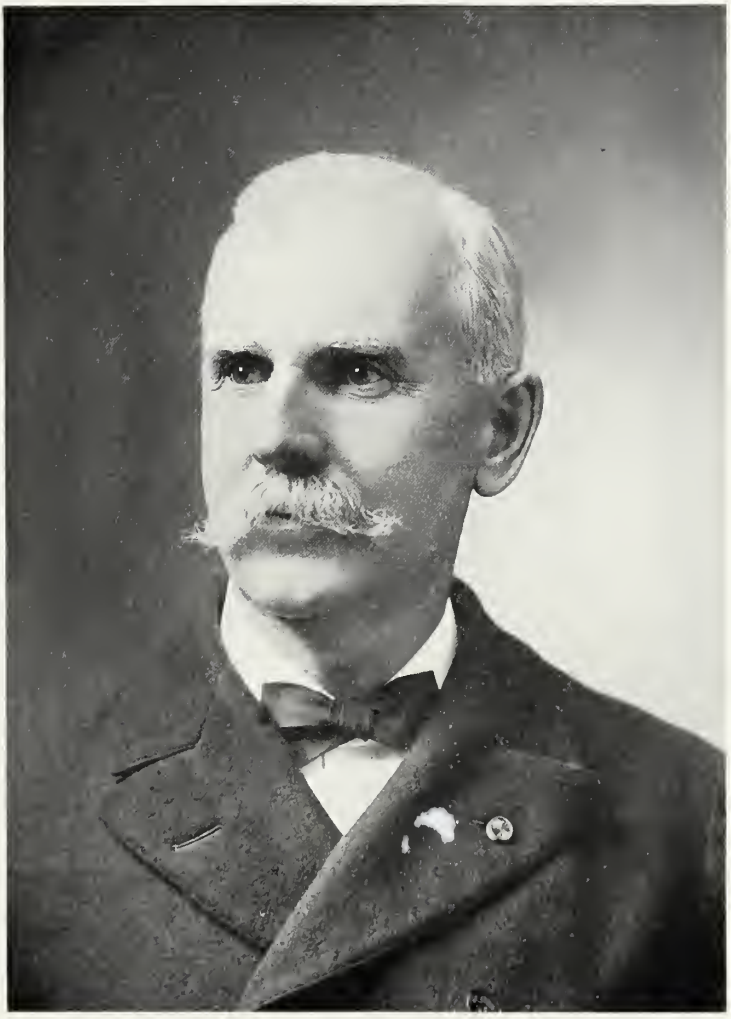
In 1866 occurred the marriage of Mr. Loudenback and Miss Sarah V. Nighswander. She is a native daughter of the county, her birth having occurred in Mad River township November 4, 1843. Her father, Levi Nighswander, was one of the early settlers to locate in this section of the county, coming here as early as 1830, where he followed the carpenter's trade, and many of the finest homes of the locality stand as monuments to his industry and ability: For his wife he chose Elizabeth Neff, and they became the parents of seven children, five daughters and two sons, namely: James M., a resident of Idaho; F. M., a prominent contractor and builder of pikes and bridges in Oregon; Keziah Ann, at home; Lydia, wife of Lorain Hoak and a resident of the old homestead in Mad River township; Mrs. Loudenback; Malinda Kiblinger, of Hardin county, Ohio; and Louisa, who died in 1863. Mrs. Loudenback was reared in her native locality, and to the public schools of Mad River township and Urbana she is indebted for the educational privileges which she received in her youth. At the early age of fourteen years she began teaching, following that profession for about seven years or until her marriage. She now owns and carries on the work of two farms, one in Concord township which consists of one hundred and fifty-nine acres, and the other, a fifty-two-acre tract, in Mad River township. She also has an interest in the Citizens National Bank, of Urbana, and in the Ohio Strawboard Company, and she was the only representative of her estate at the business meeting of the Ohio Strawboard Company in 1902, where she cast a vote for the directors. After her husband's death she purchased property in Westville, Champaign county,

where she now has a pleasant and attractive home. She is a prominent and worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in the social circles of her locality occupies a prominent place, as did also her husband during his life time. In business circles he was also respected and honored for his industry, energy, punctuality and honorable and systematic methods,—all of which contributed to a large success, which he richly deserved. His last days were spent at his beautiful country home, and there he closed his eyes in death July 9, 1900. The entire community mourned his loss, for he was a man of worth to Champaign county. Mr. and Mrs. Loudenback had no children of their own, but they have reared three,—Elijah Hazlett, Clyde Swisher and Grace Stover.

MAJOR ALEXANDER F. VANCE, JR.

Honored and respected by all, there is no man in Urbana who occupies a more enviable position in commercial and financial circles than Major Alexander Franklin Vance. Not alone because of his splendid success, but also by reason of the straightforward, honorable course he has ever followed. He forms his plans readily, is determined in their execution and is notably prompt, energetic and reliable. His business ability has been an important factor in the successful conduct of more than one enterprise which has contributed to the general prosperity and welfare of Urbana and his career proves that success is not a matter of genius, but is the outcome of persistent and earnest effort guided by strong judgment.

Major Vance is a native of Salem township, his birth having occurred on the 26th of January, 1840. He is descended from Revolutionary ancestors in both the paternal and maternal lines and has back



of him an ancestry honored and distinguished. For eighteen years his father served as judge of the probate court of Champaign county, while his grandfather, Joseph Vance, represented this district in congress for twenty years and was the eleventh governor of Ohio. In the militia he advanced until he became major general and high political honors were conferred upon him. He served in the state militia in 1812, represented his district in congress from 1820 until 1836, and again was chosen to that office in 1843, while in the meantime he had been called to the highest office within the gift of the people of the state, serving for one term in the executive chair. In 1839 he was a member of the Ohio senate and in 1851 served in the constitutional convention. His death occurred in 1852 but he left the impress of his individuality upon the public life and policy of the state. The history of Judge Vance, the father of our subject, is given on another page of this work.

Major Vance, whose name introduces this record, spent his youth as a farmer boy until eighteen years of age and after putting aside the work of field and meadow he accepted a clerkship in a dry goods store owned by Simeon Weaver, subsequently he became bookkeeper in connection with the Stoney Point Mills conducted by his uncle, and as an accountant served in that establishment until after the inauguration of the Civil war. No longer could he content himself to remain in the quiet pursuits of civil life when, the country needing the aid of her loyal sons, he assisted the government by becoming paymaster clerk in 1862. Toward the close of the time he was appointed paymaster with the rank of major of cavalry.

Immediately afterward Major Vance went to New York City, where for five years he was engaged in the wholesale boot and shoe business and upon returning to Urbana he took up his abode on the old farm, devoting his attention to agricultural pursuits, but his services were needed in other fields of labor and public enterprise sought his assistance.

In 1875, while he was still serving upon a farm, he was elected assistant cashier of the Third National Bank of Urbana and in March, 1881, he succeeded to the office of cashier. Soon afterward he left the farm and has since resided on Scioto street in Urbana. He served the Third National Bank and its successor, the National Bank, with fidelity and ability and the prosperity of both institutions has been largely due to his capable management and untiring vigilance. A man of resourceful business ability his efforts have not been limited to one line alone, for he has been for some years president of the Natural Gas Commission and has been an active and influential factor in public affairs, serving as a member of the board of education of Urbana for three terms, as infirmary director for one term and was elected for another term, but resigned shortly afterward.

In February, 1868, Major Vance was united in marriage to Miss Mary Glenn Jamieson, a representative of one of the well known and honored families of Urbana. Their union has been blessed with one child, Louise, now the wife of Charles Brand. The Major is connected with the Masonic fraternity and is one of the most prominent representatives of the craft in the state. He has held the office of master, high priest, thrice illustrious master and eminent commander in all the local organizations. In Harmony Lodge, No. 8, F. & A. M., the Major, his father and grandfather have all served as masters. He has also been grand commander of the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar of Ohio, and on the 18th of February, 1873, obtained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, while in 1885 he received the thirty-third degree in Boston, Massachusetts, being one of the very few who have attained to that rank in the United States. As a citizen he is public spirited and progressive, local advancement and national progress both being dear to his heart. He has never allowed the accumulation of wealth to warp his kindly nature, but has a hearty hand clasp and ready

smile for all of the old-time friends, as well as those whom he has won in later years. He is indeed an honored and valued native son of Champaign county and his efforts have contributed to the general good as well as to his own individual success.

BENJAMIN SNAPP.

One of the prominent old pioneer families of Champaign county is that of the Snapps. They have ever borne their part in the upbuilding and development of this region, and have invariably been exponents of progress and liberal ideas upon all subjects. The grandfather of our subject, Rhynard Snapp, was born and reared in Pennsylvania. As early as 1806 he came to the Buckeye state, taking up his abode on a farm in Montgomery county, and shortly afterward came to Champaign county, where he spent the remainder of his life. Daniel Snapp, his son and the father of our subject, was born in the Keystone state in 1804, and when only two years of age was brought by his parents to Ohio. He was reared and received his education in Montgomery county, and when twenty-one years of age located in the wilds of Jackson township, Champaign county, where he secured eighty acres of congress land.

While residing in Montgomery county Mr. Snapp was united in marriage to Marguerite Barnhardt, a native also of Pennsylvania, and there she was reared and educated. In that commonwealth her parents also had their nativity, and they subsequently became numbered among the early pioneers of Montgomery county, Ohio. Ten children were born unto this union, nine sons and a daughter, namely: Solomon; Rhynard, deceased; Daniel; William, deceased; Leonard, deceased; Benjamin; Simon; Catherine Schumm; Philip, deceased; and Frank. With the exception of one all were born in Champaign county and all were

reared in this locality. Throughout the years of his majority Mr. Snapp upheld the principles of the Democracy, and was a member of the German Lutheran church at Saint Paris. He assisted in the erection of the house of worship there, and was one of the founders of the Spring Grove Cemetery Association in Johnson township. He passed away at the old homestead in 1890, after a long and useful career.

Benjamin Snapp, whose name introduces this review, is a native son of Jackson township, Champaign county, his birth having here occurred on the 6th of May, 1836. When the old home farm was divided he located on his portion in Johnson township, and as the years have passed by he has cleared and improved his land and has added thereto until the family is now the owner of two hundred and sixty-four acres. The place is fertile and productive and is considered one of the most valuable homesteads in the county. In the year 1863 he was united in marriage to Barbara Pence, a native of Concord township, Champaign county, and a daughter of Simeon and Elizabeth (McMoran) Pence. They also claimed this locality as the place of their nativity, and here they spent their entire lives. Of their two children Mrs. Snapp is the eldest in order of birth, and her brother Russell was killed in a runaway in 1861. By her marriage to Mr. Snapp she has become the mother of one son, Cary, who was born on the 7th of May, 1864. In political affiliations Mr. Snapp inclines to the principles of the Republican party.

JAMES W. FULTON.

The honored subject of this memoir became a resident of Champaign county in the early pioneer epoch and here he passed the greater portion of his long and useful life, engaged in agricultural pursuits, and

JAMES W. FULTON.

honored for his sterling character. It is fitting that in this publication be given a brief tribute to the memory of this worthy pioneer, who has now passed to his reward.

James William Fulton was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, in the year 1823, being the son of David Fulton, who came from the Old Dominion state to Champaign county, Ohio, in an early day, locating on the farm where Mrs. Fulton, the widow of our subject, now maintains her home, the same being situated on section 4, Urbana township. Here he continued to devote his attention to agricultural pursuits until his death, having been one of the sterling pioneers of the county. He was originally a Whig in politics, and later a Republican, and his religious faith was that of the Methodist Episcopal church. James W. Fulton was nineteen years of age at the time of the family's removal to this county, and he drove a team of horses through from Virginia to the new home in the county where he was to pass the remainder of his life. He assisted his father in reclaiming the land, putting in a crop the first year, continued to abide in the paternal home until his marriage, and eventually became the owner of the old homestead, which is now one of the well improved and valuable places of this section. Here he continued to be successfully engaged in farming for a long term of years, winning the respect of all by his integrity of purpose and straightforward course, and being one of the substantial farmers of the county. In politics he gave a loyal support to the Republican party, and was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as is also his widow, who still maintains her residence on the old homestead, so endeared to her by the associations of years. Mr. Fulton passed away in the month of April, 1893, having attained the age of three score years and ten and having made his life prolific in good.

In the year 1849 Mr. Fulton was united in marriage to Miss Anna Flick, who was born near Northampton, Ohio, in 1828, being the daugh-

ter of Jacob Flick, who was born in Jefferson county, Virginia, whence his parents removed to Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, when he was but four months of age. He died near Northampton, Ohio, in his eighty-sixth year. His wife, whose maiden name was Catherine Harshbarger, was likewise born in Virginia, and died at the age of seventy-two years and six months, having been the mother of two children. Mr. and Mrs. Fulton became the parents of three children, namely: Catherine Jane, Mary Ann and Frances Elen, the last mentioned being deceased.

JAMES K. CHEETHAM.

James K. Cheetham is a well known and prominent representative of business interests in Urbana, and his efforts have been effective in promoting commercial activity here. At the same time he has won success in his undertakings and has ever been honored by reason of his reliable methods. He was born in West Liberty, Ohio, March 5, 1845, a son of Richard H. and Mary H. (McCord) Cheetham. The father was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1819, and was of Scotch descent, the ancestors of the family coming, however, from England to America many years ago. In 1839 Richard H. Cheetham took up his abode in Champaign county and here he was married to Mary H. McCord, a daughter of John McCord, also of Pittsburg, and a soldier of the war of 1812. Her mother was Sally Kenton, a daughter of Simon Kenton, the celebrated explorer.

In 1844, two years after his marriage, Richard H. Cheetham settled in West Liberty, Ohio, where he resided for nineteen years successfully engaged in general merchandising. He then returned to Urbana and was an honord and respected resident of this city. In his family were

the following children: John A., deceased; James K., of this review; Samuel O., a farmer residing near Urbana; Mrs. Robert Young, of Urbana; Richard H., who has passed away; and George H. and Mary Catherine, also deceased.

In taking up the personal history of James K. Cheetham we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely and favorably known in Champaign county. He was reared and educated in West Liberty and his business training was received in his father's store. When his parents came to Urbana he was eighteen years of age. His father then purchased a bakery and confectionery, doing a wholesale and retail business. He purchased an establishment which had been founded in 1838 by Samuel K. McCord, his brother-in-law. Mr. Cheetham, Sr., had learned the baker's trade in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and here conducted his new enterprise from 1863 until 1882. During that time our subject remained in his father's service and at the latter date became owner of the bakery which he has now conducted for twenty years. He is most proficient in all the details of the trade. His bakery, which is twenty by seventy feet in dimensions, is a model of neatness and convenience and is supplied with the best ovens made. He has a weekly capacity of more than ten thousand loaves of bread, besides cakes and crackers. He manufactures all kinds of breadstuffs, crackers, cakes and pies, and the excellence of his products, together with his splendid business ability and honorable dealing, has secured to him a most liberal patronage. He is also a director in the Ohio Strawboard Company, the Home Loan Company, and is interested in farming. It will thus be seen that his efforts have never been limited to one line, but have been directed along those channels of industry whereby he has won success and has also contributed to the public prosperity.

In 1868 Mr. Cheetham was married to Miss Laura J. Coulson, a daughter of Joseph Coulson, and their children are Mrs. Ada L. Downey

and Joseph K. At the time of the Civil war Mr. Cheetham was connected with the famous "Squirrel Hunters" in 1862, and in 1864 he became a member of Company A, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Volunteer Infantry, which went to the front for one hundred days service and remained for four months. He is identified with W. A. Brand Post, G. A. R., in which he formerly served as commander, and for twenty-three years has been an active member of the Royal Arcanum. He takes a deep and earnest interest in political affairs, supporting the Republican party, and for one term was a member of the council, and is now serving as president of the cemetery board. To him there has come the attainment of a distinguished position in connection with the great material industries of the county, and his efforts have been so discerningly directed along well defined lines that he seems to have realized at any one point of progress the full measure of his possibilities for accomplishment at that point. A man of distinct and forceful individuality, of broad mentality and most mature judgment, he has left and is leaving his impress upon the industrial world. For years he has been an important factor in the development of the natural resources of the state, in the upbuilding of Urbana and in the promotion of the enterprises which add not alone to his individual prosperity, but also advance the general welfare and prosperity of the city in which he makes his home.

JOHN P. HANCE.

In the attractive city of Urbana resides John Perry Hance, who is a representative of pioneer families of the Buckeye state and who is numbered among the successful and influential citizens of the county. He has been engaged in business in Urbana for a period of twenty

years, and by his own efforts has attained a success worthy the name and a high place in the confidence and esteem of the community. Mr. Hance is a native son of Ohio, having been born in a pioneer log cabin in Elizabeth township, Miami county, on the 8th of December, 1854, the son of Alfred and Elizabeth (Miller) Hance, of whose family of ten children only one is deceased. The paternal grandfather, Benjamin Hance, was born in Kentucky, whence he came to Ohio in an early day, being one of the pioneer settlers in Miami county, where his son Alfred was born, and where he entered the military service of his country during the war of 1812. Jonathan Miller, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was numbered among the early settlers of Clark county, and there occurred the birth of his daughter Elizabeth, so that both families have been long identified with the annals of Ohio history. Alfred Hance devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, having individually cleared a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in the early days, and having been successful in his efforts, accumulating a good property and being known as an upright man and sterling citizen. Both he and his wife are now deceased. He manifested his patriotism by enlisting for service during the war of the Rebellion, and after its close disposed of his original farm and purchased another, near Fletcher, Miami county, where he passed the residue of his life.

John Perry Hance, the immediate subject of this sketch, was reared under the sturdy and invigorating discipline of the farm, and his educational advantages were such as were afforded in the district schools of the place and period. In 1876 he left the homestead farm and came to Urbana, having not a penny of capital but being well fortified with energy, self-reliance and determinate purpose. Upon thus coming to Champaign county he secured employment in a country grocery, where he remained for a few weeks. The Centennial exposition, in Philadelphia, was then in progress, and the young man became imbued with

the desire of seeing the same and learning somewhat more of the world, and he valiantly set forth for the "City of Brotherly Love," having no money but being successful in working his way through to his destination. He visited Philadelphia and other eastern cities and after an absence of one month returned to Urbana, where he devoted his attention during the ensuing winter to acting as a salesman of sewing machines, while the next year he did effective service in selling agricultural implements. Finally he entered the employ of J. C. Coulson, dealer in groceries and queensware, remaining thus engaged for a period of six years, within which he became thoroughly familiar with all details of the business and thus laid the foundations for his future success. His marriage occurred in the year 1882, and shortly afterward he engaged in the grocery business on his own responsibility. By careful and discriminating management and correct business methods he made the enterprise a profitable one from the time of its inception, and he has ever since continued operations in the line, controlling a fine trade and having a finely equipped establishment, with a select and comprehensive stock. As his resources were augmented Mr. Hance made judicious investments in real estate, and through the same he has realized excellent returns. At the present time he is the owner of an excellent farm in this county, is a stockholder in local banking institutions and is known as one of the progressive and public-spirited citizens and business men of his home city. He is distinctively the architect of his own fortunes, and is deserving of credit for the able and upright manner in which he has forged his way forward to the goal of determinate success. In politics Mr. Hance gives his allegiance to the Republican party, and fraternally he is identified with Champaign Lodge, No. 525, A. F. & A. M. He and his wife are members of the First Baptist church and he is trustee of the same at the present time, taking a deep and abiding interest in its work.

On the 19th of June, 1882, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Hance to Miss Clara Downer, daughter of Rev. John R. Downer, pastor of the First Baptist church in Urbana at that time. She was born in Zanesville, Ohio, but was reared in the state of New York and completed her education in Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Hance have two children, —Perry and Lillian.

GEORGE S. KLAPP, Deceased.

A life of signal usefulness and honor has been that of the subject of this review, who passed the greater portion of his life in Champaign county engaged in agricultural pursuits, and who became the owner of a valuable farmstead in Johnson township.

Mr. Klapp was a native of the state of Maryland, having been born in Washington county on the 7th of May, 1826, so that he had passed the psalmist's span of three score years and ten, though he retained up to the last marked vigor in both mind and body and was a type of that virile strength which is begotten of the sturdy and invigorating discipline incidental to the art of husbandry. He was a son of Rev. George Klapp, who was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, in the year 1801, and was there reared and educated, learning the trade of tailoring. After his marriage he removed to Maryland, where he remained until about 1832, when he emigrated to Ohio, locating at Dayton, where he continued to follow his trade. Finally he went to Miamisburg, Montgomery county, where he studied theology and prepared himself for the ministry of the Lutheran church, of which he had long been a devoted member. He preached his first sermon in Saint Paris, Champaign county, about the year 1839, and thereafter continued in the active work of the ministry, in connection with farming, until his death, in 1842,

having been a man of a high order of intellectuality and having made his life a power for good in all its relations. In Hagerstown, Maryland, Rev. George Klapp was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Newman, who was born and reared in that state, and they became the parents of seven children, namely: Mary, deceased; Jeremiah, who likewise is deceased; George S., the subject of this sketch, now deceased; and Lizzie, Luther, Sarah and Martin, deceased. All the children were born in Maryland except the youngest, who was a native of Champaign county.

Our subject was a lad of about five years when the family removed from Maryland to Dayton, where he attended the public schools, as did he later in Miamisburg during the family's residence in that place. In 1839 the family located on the farm which he afterward owned, and though our subject thereafter made various removals to other farms in the locality and was for one year engaged in the grocery business in Saint Paris he finally returned to his late homestead in 1853. He and his father cleared fifty-eight acres and placed the same under cultivation, and the place at the present time comprises sixty-two acres, the land being of the utmost productivity and the enterprise having yielded to our subject the best of returns for the labors he had expended.

On the 10th of January, 1850, Mr. Klapp was united in marriage to Miss Amanda M. Briggs, who was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, on the 3d of November, 1831, and who was there reared to the age of twelve years, when she accompanied her parents on their removal to Champaign county, Ohio, locating in Saint Paris. Her father, Jacob J. Briggs, was born in Pennsylvania October 4, 1804, and there was celebrated his marriage to Ann Eliza Blakey, who likewise was a native of the old Keystone state, and they became the parents of nine children, namely: Samuel B. (deceased), Mary E., George W., Amanda M. (Mrs. Klapp), Letitia W., William Henry, Joseph C. (deceased), Rachel C. and Rose E. All were born in Pennsylvania except the young-

est. To Mr. and Mrs. Klapp eight children have been born, of whom Benjamin E., Florence and Mary L. are deceased. Those surviving are Lydia O., Sarah E., Madora, Susana M. and Margaret, all having been born and reared in Johnson township. The family are members of the Lutheran church at St. Paris, with whose organization our subject was identified, while he was prominently concerned in the erection of the present church edifice and was ever active in the work of the organization. His political allegiance was given to the Democratic party, and he served for fourteen years as supervisor of his township and for sixteen years as a member of the board of school directors of his district. No man in the community commanded more unqualified confidence and esteem, and we are pleased to incorporate this brief tribute to one of the sterling old citizens of Champaign county.

WILLIAM R. WARNOCK.

With the judicial and political history of Champaign county the name of the Honorable William R. Warnock is inseparately interwoven, and his reputation is not limited by the confines of this district. His course is one which reflects credit upon the state by which he has been honored and his life record constitutes an important element in the events which form the annals of this portion of Ohio. In a profession where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit, upon strong intellectuality and close application he occupies a place of eminence.

Mr. Warnock was born August 29, 1838, and is a son of the Rev. David and Sarah A. (Hitt) Warnock. His father was born in Ireland February 14, 1810, and when eighteen years of age crossed the Atlantic to the new world, continuing his education in Strongsville Academy,

near Cleveland, Ohio. Determining to devote his life to the work of the ministry, he became a member of the Ohio conference of the Methodist church in 1832. For a number of years he served as pastor of various churches in this state, and about 1857 came to Urbana, making a permanent location here. He had previously been pastor of the church here and now became presiding elder of his district. During the last years of his life he occupied superannuated relations to the church, yet was frequently found in the pulpit delivering the message of Christianity to those who sought to know its truths. His reputation and his influence were of no restricted order, and he was widely recognized as one of the leading divines of the Methodist ministry in the middle part of the nineteenth century. In 1837 he married Sarah A. Hitt, a woman whose beautiful Christian character proved a potent element for good in every community in which she lived. By her marriage she became the mother of nine children.

That William R. Warnock, one of this family, is a man of scholarly attainments and broad general learning is due entirely to his own efforts, for through the means won by teaching and in other employment he provided for the education which he obtained after completing the common school course. In July, 1861, he was graduated in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, and having determined to make the practice of law his life work he began preparation for the bar as a student in the office of Judge Ichabod Corwin. After a few months, however, he put aside business and personal interests that he might aid in the preservation of the Union and recruited a company of which he was commissioned captain in July, 1862. It was assigned to the Ninety-fifth Ohio Infantry and after one year's service Mr. Warnock was made major in recognition of his gallant and meritorious conduct on the field of battle. At the battle of Nashville, in December, 1864, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel and assigned to duty

as chief of staff for the eastern district of the Mississippi, working in that capacity until August, 1865, when he was mustered out of the service. During the three years and two months in which he was connected with the army he was never away from his regiment except on leave of absence for twenty days, and he participated in all the marches, skirmishes and battles in which that command displayed its allegiance to the Union cause.

At the close of hostilities, Mr. Warnock returned to Urbana and resumed his law studies, under Judge Corwin, being admitted to the bar in May, 1866. No dreary novitiate awaited him. It was not long before he had acquired a good practice. He entered into partnership with George M. Eichelberger, and the association has been maintained continuously since, with the exception of a period when Mr. Warnock was on the bench. In 1879 he was elected on the Republican ticket to the position of judge of the court of common pleas, and acted in that capacity until 1889. His decisions were strictly fair and impartial and displayed marked legal knowledge. From 1868 until 1872 he held the office of prosecuting attorney in Champaign county. On leaving the bench he again took up the private practice of law and his clientage is of a distinctively representative character. He has been connected with much of the important litigation brought in the courts of his district and his strength in argument, his logical reasoning and his just conclusions have made him one of the most successful lawyers practicing at the Champaign county bar.

In 1868 the Judge was united in marriage to Miss Kate Murray, of Clark county, Ohio, and they have three children: Clifford; Ann Catherine and Elizabeth. The Judge and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and he is identified with W. A. Brand Post, No. 107, G. A. R., and of the Loyal Legion, in which he served for two terms as junior commander, while at the present time

he is commander, a fact which indicates his popularity among his comrades who wore the blue. Fraternally he is connected with Harmony Lodge, No. 35, F. & A. M., has attained the Templar degree of the York Rites and has taken all of the degrees of the Scottish Rite except the thirty-third degree. He has always been a stanch advocate of Republican principles and aside from the offices in the line of his profession which he has filled he has been honored with other positions of public trust. In 1875 he was elected to represent his district in the state senate and when Governor Hayes was about to leave Columbus and go to Washington, there to be inaugurated as president of the United States, the general assembly of Ohio tendered the president-elect a farewell reception and to Mr. Warnock was unanimously given the high honor of making the farewell address on that occasion on behalf of the senate. In 1900 our subject was elected a member of congress. In the legislative halls of state and nation he has given earnest and careful consideration to every question which has come up for settlement and his course has been marked by loyal patriotism and statesmanship and he has ever placed the nation's welfare before personal considerations and the good of the people before self-aggrandizement. The judicial and political honors and success which he has gained have been well merited and are but the just recognition of superior ability.

ROGER H. MURPHEY.

In viewing the mass of mankind in the varied occupations of life, the conclusion is forced upon the observer that in the vast majority of cases men have sought employment not in the line of their peculiar fitness, but in those fields where caprice or circumstances have placed them,

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thus explaining the reason of the failure of ninety-five per cent. of those who enter commercial and professional circles. In a few cases it seems that men with a peculiar fitness for a certain line have taken it up and marked success has followed. Such is the fact in the case of the subject of this biography. He is now serving as postmaster of Urbana.

Mr. Murphey was born in this city, December 23, 1852, and is a son of Charles H. and Sophia B. (Long) Murphey. His father was born in Scotland, January 12, 1817, and died in Urbana, January 12, 1891. He was of Scotch-Irish lineage and his birthplace was within two miles of where Robert Burns was born. In the year, 1843, he came to America, taking up his abode in Cincinnati, Ohio. Shortly afterward, however, he removed to Peoria, Illinois, where he remained for several years, being employed in a distillery, having previously learned that business in his native country. The same line of occupation claimed his attention on Mad River, Ohio, for a number of years. In 1852 he was married in Cincinnati to Miss Sophia B. Long, who was born in Germany and came to the United States when a little maiden of six summers with her father. They landed at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and afterward removed to Cincinnati, where she remained until her marriage. Mr. Murphey brought his bride to Urbana and here spent his remaining days. For several years he was superintendent of the James cemetery, subsequently purchased the cemetery property and for several years was engaged in the nursery and greenhouse business, which he followed until about a year prior to his death, when he sold out to his son, the subject of this review. His careful management and keen discernment in business affairs had made him successful and his honorable methods had gained for him the respect and confidence of those with whom he was associated. His death occurred in this city, January 12, 1891. His widow still survives him and is living in Urbana at the age of seventy years. In their family were five sons and one daughter: Roger H.,

Charles H., Ella C., Walter T., George C. and Thomas L. The father was a member of the United Brethren church, while his widow belongs to the Lutheran church.

Roger H. Murphey, whose name introduces this record, was born and reared in the city of Urbana, and pursued his education in the public schools. In his youth he assisted his father in the greenhouse and in the conduct of the nursery. At one time he spent five years away from home, visiting France in 1874. He spent some time in the best greenhouses of that country, in order to familiarize himself with the methods of carrying on business there. He is now the owner of one of the three greenhouses of Urbana, having become his father's successor in June, 1890, at which time his brother, W. T. Murphey, also owned an interest in the business, but the following year our subject became sole proprietor. Since that time the volume of trade has largely increased and the facilities he has enlarged to meet the present demands. He now has fifteen thousand feet under glass and the prosperity of the undertaking is continually growing. He raises all kinds of plants and has distributed these through operating florists in Canada and throughout this country from Maine to California. He makes a specialty of raising roses for the wholesale trade. At the present day he is associated with his son under the firm name of R. H. Murphey & Son.

In 1878 ocurred the marriage of our subject and Miss Anna C. Keller, of Urbana. They have four children, Charles R., who is his father's partner; Mary E.; E. Frank; and William M. In his political views Mr. Murphey is a pronounced Republican, for two years served as chairman of the executive committee of the county and was a member of the state central committee. His opinions carry weight in the councils of his party and for thirteen years he served as treasurer of the state central committee. He was appointed by President McKinley a special agent of the rural free delivery service and acted in that capacity for

eighteen months when in April, 1899, he was appointed postmaster of Urbana. He is now discharging the duties of that office in a most commendable manner, his administration being prompt and business-like. He is connected with the Masons, the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Junior Order of American Mechanics. His connection with any undertaking insures a prosperous outcome of the same, for it is in his nature to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He has earned for himself an enviable reputation as a careful man of business, and in his dealings is known for prompt and honorable methods which have won him the deserved and unbounded confidence of his fellow-men.

DAVID KENFIELD.

Among the agriculturists who became identified with the interests of Champaign county in pioneer days, and with the passing years aided in the development and improvement of this section of the state was David Kenfield, now deceased. He was a worthy, intelligent and enterprising citizen, one of those whom the Empire state furnished to Ohio. He was born in Genesee county, New York, February 11, 1829, but when only eleven years of age he was taken by his parents, Nehemiah and Sallie Ann (Canfield) Kenfield, to Michigan, where the son David grew to years of maturity and was married. At the time of the discovery of gold in California he became imbued with the "fever," and accordingly went overland to the coast, a part of the journey being made on horseback, and there he followed mining for two years, on the expiration of which period he returned to Michigan, five hundred dollars better off than when he started. In 1855 he came with his wife and children to Champaign county, locating at Woodstock. He was a potter

by trade, having learned that art in Michigan, and in that line he became an expert workman. After his arrival in Woodstock he built the first tile factory ever put into operation in the state, which enterprise proved eminently successful, and his output was in great demand by the farmers throughout the surrounding country, his efforts thus bringing to him a snug little fortune. His products were often exhibited at the state fairs, where they invariably won first premiums. Mr. Kenfield continued in this business until 1871, but prior to that time, in 1868, he had purchased one hundred and thirty-one acres of land east of Woodstock, where his widow and children now reside, and from 1871 until the time of his death he devoted his attention to the cultivation of his farm. During that time he also bought and sold other lands.

By his first marriage Mr. Kenfield became the father of five children, namely: Frances, who died at the age of twenty years; Sylvia, who married Sylvanus Dix and now resides in Kansas; Sallie Ann, who died in infancy; Chester, of Lafayette, Indiana; and Marion. The wife and mother was called to the home beyond in 1861, and three years later, on the 24th of May, 1863, Mr. Kenfield married Eusebia Regina Dix, who was born in Union township, Champaign county, Ohio, May 25, 1838. Her father, Clark Dix, was born in Wayne county, Pennsylvania, where he was a shoemaker by trade, and there married Clarissa Thankful Clough, also a native of that county. Their mrriage was celebrated on the 9th of March, 1837, and in the following spring they started in a one-horse wagon for the Buckeye state, bringing with them their personal effects and a few hundred dollars in money. They reached Columbus at the time the corner-stone of the state house was being laid. Not being pleased with the outlook this section then presented, Mr. Dix left his family here and proceeded on his journey alone to Missouri, in quest of a better location. That was before the day of railroads, and he probably made a part of the journey by stage. Not finding the object

of his search in that commonwealth he accordingly returned to Champaign county, and for several years thereafter worked as a farm employe. He later purchased a small farm in Rush township, which became their permanent home, and there Mr. Dix passed away in death on the 6th of July, 1890, at the age of seventy-five years. His wife survived him until the 23d of April, 1901, when she, too, was called to her final rest, passing away at the age of eighty-five years. Unto this worthy couple were born nine children, eight of whom grew to years of maturity, namely: Eusebia Regina, now Mrs. Kenfield; Clark, now a wealthy man of Marion, Ohio; Clarissa, wife of Frank Willoughby, who was killed at Richmond, Kentucky, during the Civil war after which his widow married D. Fay, of Iowa; John A., a physician in the state of Washington; Samantha, who married Pearl Smith, of Woodstock; Sylvanus, who ran away from home at the age of fourteen years to enlist in the Union army; Benjamin, a resident of Kansas; and Peter, of Iowa. John A. and Clark also served their country during the Civil war, and the former was incarcerated in Andersonville prison for nine months. The latter was in the signal service for four years.

Mrs. Kenfield attended the common schools of Champaign county during her girlhood, and there fitted herself for the teacher's profession, which she followed for eight years in the public schools. She received her first certificate to teach when only sixteen years of age, and her ability to impart to others the knowledge she had received soon won her recognition in this calling, giving her rank among the prominent educators of the county. She is a prominent member of the Universalist church at Woodstock, and throughout all the relations of life has ever discharged her duties with unswerving faithfulness. Mr. Kenfield was also a worthy member of that denomination, and in his political views was a stanch Republican. During the Civil war he gave freely of his means to preserve the Union, and for a number of years served his town-

ship with efficiency as its trustee. He neglected no duty of citizenship and was always foremost in support of any movement calculated to prove of public benefit. His death occurred on the 6th of February, 1879, when he had reached the age of forty-nine years, eleven months and twenty-six days, and many friends mourned the loss of one whom they had learned to respect and admire. In his fraternal relations he was a member of North Lewisburg Lodge, F. & A. M., and also of the Woodstock Lodge of Odd Fellows. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kenfield were born nine children, seven of whom are still living, as follows: Clara, the wife of George Hann, of West Jefferson, Ohio, now a prominent stock dealer at Woodstock, Champaign county; they have one child, Dorothy Dix, aged ten years; Scott D., a prominent and successful attorney of Akron, Ohio; Lura Dale, Ross and John McDonald, at home; Mary Moore, the wife of Frank Tulley, of Urbana, Ohio, now an electrician in Chicago; and Melva S., who received her education in the public schools of Woodstock and Milford Center, graduating in the high school at the latter place, and is now a prominent and successful teacher of Woodstock. Two others, twins, died at birth.

Ross Kenfield is now carrying on the work of the home farm. He is thoroughly versed in the work of his calling, and is also well informed along other lines, being recognized as one of the leading business men of Champaign county. He was united in marriage to Lucy Huffman, of North Lewisburg, and they have one child, Rene Doris. In his fraternal relations Mr. Kenfield is also a member of North Lewisburg Lodge, F. & A. M.

WILLIAM SPEECE.

The deserved reward of a well spent life is an honored retirement from business in which to enjoy the fruits of former toil, and now, after a useful and beneficent career, Mr. Speece is quietly living at his pleasant

homestead in Champaign county, surrounded by the comforts that earnest labor has brought to him. He was born in Harrison township, Champaign county, December 25, 1814. His father, Peter Speece, was a native son of the Old Dominion, where he was reared and received his education, and in an early day came to Champaign county, Ohio, but after remaining here a short time removed to Indiana, there spending the remainder of his life. His wife, who was also a native of Virginia, came to Champaign county with her husband, and she, too, departed this life in Indiana. This worthy couple became the parents of twelve children, eight sons and four daughters.

William Speece, the eleventh child and seventh son in the above family, assisted his father in the cultivation of the home farm until he reached his twenty-first year, and for the following ten years he resided on his father-in-law's farm. He then became the owner of eighty acres of partially improved land in Harrison township, on which he made his home for about thirty years, and during that time succeeded in clearing the greater part of his farm and placing it under an excellent state of cultivation. After disposing of his interests there he became the owner of his present valuable homestead of four hundred acres, the most of which he has cleared and improved. Here he continued to direct his energies until 1881, when, having acquired a sufficient competence, he laid aside business cares and retired to private life.

The year 1836 witnessed the marriage of Mr. Speece and Miss Elizabeth McIntire. She was born in Harrison township, Champaign county, in 1817, and her entire life has been spent in this locality. Her father, Thomas McIntire, was a native of Virginia, but in a very early day located in Champaign county, where he was one of the first settlers. He was married in his native state to Miss Mary Ann Dick, and she, too, was born in the Old Dominion. They became the parents of twelve children, five of whom were born before the family left their

southern home. Ten children have blessed the union of our subject and wife, namely: Rose, Thomas, Sally, Samantha, Marguerite, William Henry, Edna Jane, David, Lennie and Jacob. All were born and reared in Champaign county, and with the exception of the eldest, who has passed away, all are married. Mr. and Mrs. Speece are members of the United Brethren church at Rosewood, and its beneficent and helpful principles are exemplified in their daily lives.

JAMES M. MOSGROVE, M. D.

Fortunate is the man who has back of him an ancestry honorable and distinguished, and happy is he if his lines of life are cast in harmony therewith. In person, in talents and in character, Dr. Mosgrove is a worthy representative of his race, and in his life he is carrying on the noble work begun by his father, Dr. Adam Mosgrove, so long and honored and prominent a physician of Urbana. The subject of this review was born in Urbana in 1825 and acquired his early training in the common schools of this city, subsequently studying medicine with his father, and was graduated in the Ohio Medical College in the spring of 1846. Immediately afterward he began the practice of his profession in connection with his father and for many years took an active part in the work of the alleviation of human suffering. Of late years, however, he has gradually withdrawn from active practice and now attends only to the professional duties in the homes where people are loath to give him up, on account of his long service as a family physician. He gained high rank in his profession and now belongs to the Champaign county and Ohio State Medical Societies, also the American Medical Association.

Like his father, Dr. Mosgrove, of this review, is an exemplary

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Mason, who in his life closely follows the tenets and teachings of the order. In his political views he is a Democrat, believing firmly in the principles of the party. He has done much to advance the prosperity and stable upbuilding of his native city and is deservedly popular. In 1890 he erected the Mosgrove building of Urbana, a large structure, and has otherwise contributed to the development here. For over twenty years he has been connected with the Perpetual Savings and Building Association, and for five or six years has been its president. In 1900 he was elected president of the Citizens' National Bank and has since continued in that capacity. He is also the vice-president of the Ohio State Strawboard Association. The Doctor is a man of resourceful business ability, with keen insight and sagacity, and is notably prompt, energetic and reliable and brooks no obstacles that can be overcome by earnest and persistent effort. While his labors have brought to him creditable and desirable success he is a typical American citizen, who, while working for his own advancement, has contributed in no small degree to the general prosperity. His manner is pleasant and he is genial in disposition.

ALEXANDER F. VANCE.

In the history of Urbana, its upbuilding and its progress, the name of Alexander F. Vance figures conspicuously and honorably. He was born August 25, 1811, and died on the 13th of February, 1889, when in the seventy-eighth year of his age. His parents were Governor Joseph and Mary (Lemon) Vance. His birthplace was what has been known through long years as the Governor Vance Farm. In the usual manner of farm lads of the period the boy was reared and in the district schools of the neighborhood began the education which he continued in

the old Miami University. After his marriage he lived on what is known as the Eichotz farm for several years and then removed to Saratoga, Ohio, where he took charge of a mill, conducting its operation until a short time before his father's death. His share of his father's estate was the old farm homestead, and thereon Alexander F. Vance remained until 1859. He removed to Urbana after having sold the farm. From that time until his death he was a well known figure in the city, respected by all for his genuine worth.

Mr. Vance took in trade for his farm a hat store which was then located in a frame building which stood in the southeast corner of the public square. He only retained possession of this, however, until the stock was sold out. Called to public office he was long a prominent representative of the county's interests along judicial lines. It was in 1861 that he was elected probate judge of Champaign county and his service in that office is almost unparalleled in the history of the state, for he continued in the position through six consecutive terms, leaving the office in 1879. He was the second probate judge elected under the new constitution, but that he proved a most capable, faithful and just official is indicated by his long continuance in the position. No higher testimonial of his ability could be given and he left office as he had entered it, with the confidence and good will of all concerned. After his retirement from the bench he was engaged in no active or professional business but enjoyed a well earned rest throughout the remainder of his earthly pilgrimage.

On the 6th of August, 1835, Judge Vance was united in marriage to Miss Mary R. Ward, a daughter of Colonel William Ward, who resided upon a neighboring farm. Their marriage relation was an ideal one, their mutual love and confidence increasing as the years passed. They celebrated their golden wedding marking the close of a half century of happy married life. The children of this union were William W.,

now deceased; Joseph C., of Chattanooga; A. F., who is represented on another page of this book; John, also a resident of Chattanooga; H. Colwell, who is living in Urbana; Mrs. Rev. John Woods, of Ludington, Michigan; Mrs. Thomas C. Berry and Ella P. Five other children have departed this life. One child died in infancy and another at the age of seven, while Ed was accidentally shot about the beginning of the late war. Major D. M. Vance died in March, 1887, and Elizabeth in April of the following year. The relation between father and children was a most happy one, for he was not only their guide and counsellor, but their friend.

Judge Vance took a deep and active interest in every movement and measure calculated to benefit his community and advance its upbuilding. He was very prominent in military affairs at an early date and under the old military organization of the state served as adjutant general of militia for his district. When the war broke out he raised a company for service at the front and was elected its captain. This command was mustered in at Camp McArthur and offered its services to the government at once, but as the quota was already filled the offer was not accepted and circumstances forbade Judge Vance from again enlisting, but he was ably and nobly represented in the great conflict by four of his sons. His loyalty all through the years of his active and useful life was above question and his devotion to his country furnished an example well worthy of emulation. The Judge was a very prominent Mason, having become a member of the order in Harmony Lodge, May 15, 1845. Steadily he advanced through the various degrees and in his life exemplified the beneficent teachings of the fraternity. He also took the degrees of the Chapter, and in that organization filled many offices in a most capable manner. He also received the three degrees of Cryptic Masonry and became a templar in 1869. Again official honors and duties were conferred upon him. He believed most firmly in the teach-

ings of the craft, which are based upon the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God, and while he was well informed concerning the work of the lodge room he also exemplified in his daily life the true spirit of Masonry. In September, 1850, he became a member of the First Methodist church of Urbana, but later united with the First presbyterian church and his life was that of a faithful, constant Christian. In 1865 he was chosen a ruling elder and remained continually in that office until 1880, when, at his own request, he was omitted from the board. As long as his health remained he was a regular attendant on the church services, but for five months prior to his demise he was not able to leave his home. He had firm and unbounded faith in a future life and welcomed his release from pain not as one who enters upon the unknown, but as one who goes to his old home. Devoted in his attachment to his wife and children, faithful to his friends, loyal in citizenship, honorable in business and conscientious in his church life, his was a noble example which made the world better for his having lived.

BENJAMIN F. HARRIS.

In the early settlement and subsequent history of Champaign county the ancestors of Benjamin F. Harris were prominent. His grandfather, George Harris, was a native of Virginia, but as early as 1806 came to the Buckeye state, locating in what is now Champaign county. He established his home on Darby creek, in Rush township, five miles above Milford Center, and the family were among the first to locate in the county. Daniel Harris, the father of our subject, was also a native of Virginia, his birth there occurring in 1800, and he was but six years of age when he was brought by his parents to this state. He

was reared and married in Champaign county, and his last days were spent in Salem township, where he died at the age of eighty-four years. His father was a birth-right member of the Friends' church, but he united with the Christian church, and both were lifelong farmers. Daniel Harris married Sibyl B. Lathrop, a native of Connecticut, as was also her father, Benjamin Lathrop, and when she was thirteen years of age her parents located in Union county, Ohio. Her death occurred when she was seventy-six years of age. Of their nine children, six sons and three daughters, six grew to years of maturity, and our subject was the fourth son and seventh child in order of birth.

Benjamin F. Harris, the only representative of his family in Champaign county, enlisted for service in the Civil war in 1864, joining Company F, Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served until his discharge, in July, 1865. He entered the ranks as a corporal, but for meritorious service was promoted to first sergeant and was later made a second lieutenant. During his military career he took part in many of the hard-fought battles of the war, was with Sherman on his celebrated march to the sea and participated in the grand review at Washington. On his return from the army he located in Union township, Union county, Ohio, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits for a number of years, and in 1882 came with his family to his present location, purchasing a portion of the John Enoch farm. His landed possessions now consist of four hundred and six and a half acres. He has improved his farm, and has long been numbered among the practical and thrifty farmers of his locality.

On the 6th of April, 1866, Mr. Harris was united in marriage to Laura Webb, a native of Clark county, Ohio, and a daughter of W. R. and Harriet (Clark) Webb, natives of Connecticut. Their marriage was celebrated in Clark county, and they became the parents of seven children, of whom Mrs. Harris was the third in order of birth.

She was but three years of age when she was taken by her parents to Union county, Ohio, and in its public schools received her early education, while later she became a student in the Marysville high school. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Harris have been born three sons. The eldest, Emmitt, married Maud Dixon and resides in Seattle, Washington, where he is general manager of an agency for the National Cash Register Company, of Dayton, Ohio. William R. married Leona Black, and they have two daughters, Ina and Ruby. He is also employed with the National Cash Register Company. Charles P. has also left his home and works in connection with his brothers. In his political preference Mr. Harris is a stanch Republican, and is always loyal in his support of all measures calculated to benefit the community or the general public. For a long period he served as a member of the township school board, and while a resident of Union county served as the trustee of Union township. In his fraternal relations he is a member of Poysell Post, No. 103, G. A. R., in which he has filled many of the offices.

DANIEL JAMES.

Champaign county is fortunate in the personnel of her farming community and those who here follow the great art of husbandry are alike fortunate in the possession of fine landed estates, where the earth yields forth its increase and where peace and contentment come as the natural sequel, so that there is no occasion to envy the lot of the busy toilers in the thronging marts of trade and commerce. Among the successful and honored farmers of Urbana township is numbered Mr. James, who is a native son of the old Buckeye state, having been born in Pike county, Ohio, on the 14th day of May, 1835. His father, Perry James, was likewise born in the state, Ross county having been the place of his

nativity, while the year thereof was 1812, clearly demonstrating the fact that our subject is a representative of one of the early pioneer families of this great commonwealth. Perry James, who devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, became one of the pioneers of Champaign county, as had he also been of both Pike and Scioto counties. He was four times married, there being two children by the first union, one by the second, five by the third and none by the last, the subject of this review having been the elder of the two children born of the first marriage. His mother, whose maiden name was Mildred Daily, was born in Pike county, Ohio, and died when he was a mere child.

Daniel James was reared in his native county, where he received his educational discipline in the district schools and so supplemented this by personal application that he became eligible for pedagogic work, having successfully taught three terms of school in Pike county. At the outbreak of the war of the Rebellion the young man's intrinsic patriotism and loyalty led him to tender his services in support of the Union, and in 1861 he enlisted as a private in the Fifty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was in command of Colonel Wells S. Jones, while the captain of the company of which our subject was a member, was James R. Percy. Mr. James proceeded to the front with his regiment and was in active service until May 24, 1865, when he received his honorable discharge. He participated in many of the most memorable battles of the great civil conflict, including those of Shiloh, Vicksburg, Jacksonville and Chattanooga, and accompanied Sherman in the Atlanta campaign and the famous march to the sea. His last battle was that of Resaca, Georgia, where he was wounded, and after partially recovering from his injury was sent to Cincinnati, where he was assigned to light duty and there remained until he was mustered out. He then returned to his home in Pike county, where he devoted his attention to farming until the following year, when he came to Champaign county and took up his abode

on his present farm, where he has ever since maintained his home. He has made excellent improvements on the place and it is maintained under a high state of cultivation, the area of the farm being ninety-six acres.

The same year that he came to this county Mr. James was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Pence, who was born in Champaign county, where her parents were numbered among the early settlers. Mr. and Mrs. James have had eight children, all of whom were born in this county, their names, in order of birth, being as follows: Charles P., Carrie, Augusta, Estella, Orville, Lulu, Margaret and Jacob H. In politics Mr. James is a stanch Republican, having cast his vote for John C. Fremont, in 1856, the first presidential candidate of this grand old party. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church.

JOSEPH V. LONGFELLOW, M. D.

The profession of medicine, while a very inviting field for the student and the humanitarian, is one that demands much self-abnegation, the exercise of repression and the sacrificing of the ordinary methods of securing personal advancement. It is one of the noblest of all vocations, one of the most responsible and exacting and is the one, above all others, which, while it must needs be prosecuted for legitimate gain, is in its very nature nearest to beneficent charity. One of the prominent representatives of this noble calling in Champaign county is Dr. Joseph V. Longfellow, of Urbana, who is a member of a family that has been identified with the annals of Ohio history from the early pioneer epoch. Thus there is peculiar propriety in making definite record concerning this honored citizen and able physician, who is a native son of Champaign county.

J. V. Longfellow

Joseph Valentine Longfellow was born on a farm in Concord township, this county, on the 21st of March, 1858, being the eldest of the four children of Silas N. and Minerva A. (Russell) Longfellow. The other three children are Mary E., now the wife of H. H. Brower, of Dayton, Ohio; Margaret W., wife of S. M. Green, of Urbana, Ohio; Victor O., who is completing his medical studies with his brother, the subject of this sketch, and who will graduate at the coming session of college. Silas N. Longfellow was born in Concord township, Champaign county, on the 5th of June, 1834, being the son of Joseph and Martha (Hull) Longfellow. Joseph Longfellow was born in the state of Delaware, on the 9th of November, 1766, and was there reared to maturity. In May, 1805, he became a resident of Ohio, coming to Champaign county and entering claim to one hundred and sixty acres of government land in section 15, Concord township, reclaiming the same from the sylvan wilds and there improving a good farm, which continued to be his home during the residue of his life. He attained a patriarchal age, his death occurring in the year 1865, at the age of nearly one hundred years. His first presidential vote was cast for General Washington, and thereafter he exercised his franchise at each successive presidential election, his last vote being cast in support of Abraham Lincoln, at the time of his second election to the presidency. Joseph Longfellow was thrice married, his first union having been with Miss Teresa Merida, who passed away less than a year after her marriage. About seven years later he wedded Miss Mary Fowler, who bore him thirteen children, her death occurring in the year 1822. In 1826 he consummated his third marriage, being then united to Mrs. Martha (Hull) Crow, the widow of Joseph Crow, to whom she bore six children, one dying in infancy. She was a native of Virginia, whence she accompanied her parents on their removal to Ohio in the early pioneer days, the family settling near Chillicothe. By her marriage to Joseph Longfellow she became the mother of six children,

of whom five survived her, and at present three are living. Lemuel U., David and Silas N. She passed away in 1864, at the age of sixty-eight years. Silas N. Longfellow has devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits, and now resides on his homestead farm, of sixty-five acres, in Concord township. In politics he is a Republican and one of the honored and influential citizens of his native county. Possessed of high musical talent he has been a successful instructor in this art, to which he has long been devoted. In 1857 was solemnized his marriage to Miss Minerva A. Russell, who was born in Champaign county, Ohio, on the 27th of May, 1839, the daughter of Valentine Russell, one of the pioneers of this section of the Buckeye state.

Dr. Joseph V. Longfellow was reared under the sturdy discipline of the old home farm, and is indebted to the public schools for his early educational training. Later he was for five years a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University, in the city of Delaware, where he practically completed his prescribed course, though failing health prevented him from fully completing his work and thus graduating in the institution. After recuperating his energies he entered vigorously and enthusiastically upon the study of medicine, and in order to thoroughly fortify himself for his chosen profession he finally was matriculated in the Miami Medical College, in Cincinnati, where he was graduated as a member of the class of 1886. He soon afterward entered upon the active practice of medicine at Eris, Champaign county, where he continued for four years, at the expiration of which he located in Urbana, where he has ever since been in active practice, having been very successful and holding a supporting patronage of representative order, while he is held in the highest esteem in both professional and social circles, his popularity being based upon his integrity of character, his genial and sympathetic temperament, his professional ability and his power of looking on the bright side of life. The Doctor is a member of the Champaign County Medical Society and

the American Medical Association, and keeps in close touch with the advances made in his profession through careful study and investigation and through courteous and appreciative association with his professional confreres. In politics he exercises his franchise in support of the Republican party, and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church.

J. E. DAVIS.

The farming interests of Champaign county are well represented by J. E. Davis. He was born in Goshen township, on the old farm homestead, August 31, 1844. His father, S. C. Davis, was a native of Greene county, Ohio, but when nine years of age was brought to Goshen township, Champaign county, by his parents, Jonathan and Piety (Maxim) Davis, natives of Virginia, who on immigrating to the Buckeye state took up their abode in Greene county. The year 1824 witnessed their arrival in Champaign county, where they were numbered among the pioneer settlers. The father was reared, educated and married in Goshen township and located on the old farm homestead, where he remained until his death, which occurred when he was about sixty-five years of age. His political support was given to the Whig party and later he became a stanch Republican, being recognized as one of the leaders in its ranks. He was also an active and helpful member of the Baptist church and for twenty years served as superintendent of the Sunday-school, his life ever being in consistent harmony with his professions. He married Jane Brittin, a native of Goshen township, Champaign county, and a daughter of Nathan and Mary (Jones) Brittin. She was reared in Goshen township and belonged to one of the old pioneer families of the county. Her death occurred when she was eighty-one years of age. In the family of this worthy couple were nine children, three sons and six

daughters, of whom one son and four daughters are yet living. All are married and are residents of Mechanicsburg. They are: Edrianah, the wife of Mathin Comestock; Emily, the wife of W. W. Legge; Etta, the wife of J. W. Tway; and Callie, the wife of Joseph Mumma.

Mr. Davis of this review was the fourth child and eldest son of the family. He was reared in his native township on the old farm homestead and during his boyhood attended the district schools. In 1863 he enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as a private and served until the close of the war, being the last man, with one exception, to be mustered out of the regiment. He was wounded at Kenesaw Mountain on the 27th of June, 1864, receiving a gunshot wound in the shoulder, in the hand and in the finger. He was then taken to the hospital at Columbus and after he had recovered from his injuries was in the mustering-out office at Chicago. He was one of the fifty men who took the United States mail through the Escanaba and Marquette district of Michigan in 1865 and was stationed at Negaunee in the northern peninsula for thirty days, after which he returned to Chicago and was mustered out in September, 1865.

Mr. Davis then came back to his home in Goshen township and engaged in farming with excellent success, following that pursuit until 1898, when he built his present residence in Mechanicsburg, and is now living a retired life. He still owns the old place, however, which has been in the family for three generations. He was a progressive agriculturist, keeping in touch with modern methods and his system of farming was one which brought to him a good return for his labors. His business methods were ever such as would bear the closest investigation and his responsibility and integrity were above question.

On the 30th of January, 1868, Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Sylvia Fox, a daughter of Isaac and Permilla (Rosebery) Fox. The lady was born in Madison county, Ohio, where her people had located

in pioneer days. Mr. and Mrs. Davis had two daughters, but Lulu died at the age of three and a half years. Ella D. is the wife of John T. Brown and they reside on the old Davis homestead, being the fourth generation of the family to occupy this place, which comprises two hundred acres of rich land.

Mr. Davis was superintendent of the Maple Grove Cemetery for several years and was a member of its board and the treasurer. In politics he is a stanch Republican and has never failed to vote at an election since casting his first presidential vote. He also attends the primaries and takes an active part in every measure and movement that he believes will secure Republican success. He is always a leader in the demonstrations of the party, often acting as marshal in its parades. He is a prominent member of Stephen Baxter Post, No. 88, G. A. R., in which he has filled all the offices. He also belongs to Myrtle Lodge, No. 113, F. & A. M., Caroline Chapter, No. 38, O. E. S., and of the latter is the present worthy patron. He holds membership relations with the Methodist Episcopal church and is serving as its steward and as one of its board of deacons. His life has ever been commendable, for he has lived in accordance with upright principles. He was a loyal soldier of his country upon southern battle fields, has ever been known as an honest business man and as a worthy friend, husband and father.

EDWIN HAGENBUCH.

Few men are more prominent or more widely known in the enterprising city of Urbana than Edwin Hagenbuch. He has been an important factor in business circles and his popularity is well deserved, as in him are embraced the characteristics of an unbending integrity, unabating

energy and industry that never flags. He is public-spirited and thoroughly interested in whatever tends to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of Urbana.

Mr. Hagenbuch was born in Salem township, Champaign county, May 8, 1850, and is a son of Henry and Martha J. (Long) Hagenbuch. The father was born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, about 1809 and comes of a family of Holland Dutch lineage. When a young man he sought a home in the west. At the early age of twelve years he had begun earning his own living by clerking in a store in Pennsylvania, and steadily worked his way upward until he became a partner in a mercantile enterprise. Thus having accumulated some money, he sought a broader field of labor in the west. He made his way to Kings Creek, Ohio, where he had a cousin living, and there it was that he met the lady who became his wife. He purchased a store and mill there, conducting both business enterprises with success for many years. Eventually, however, he sold out and purchased farm land, giving his attention to agricultural pursuits throughout his remaining days. His marked energy, keen business sagacity and unflagging enterprise, were the means of bringing to him creditable and gratifying success. In 1865, he removed his family to Urbana, where he spent his remaining days. In politics he was a stanch Republican and a strong Union man, who gave liberally of his means to aid various societies during the war. He held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belonged. She was born in Champaign county, and was a daughter of James and Susan Long, pioneer settlers of this portion of the state. Two children were born of this marriage that grew to years of maturity. The younger was Ella, now the wife of L. C. Moore, of Urbana.

The elder is Edwin Hagenbuch, of this review. He spent the first fifteen years of his life on the home farm and afterward continued his studies in the schools of Urbana, while later he entered the Ohio Wes-

leyan University, where he remained for six months, when he was compelled to leave that institution on account of failing health and was never able to return. He took a deep interest in his father's business and practically managed his affairs for some time, relieving him of all care and responsibility. He was also in the employ of the United States Rolling Stock Company, car manufacturers, acting as clerk and store keeper, and since that time he has been largely interested in farming and stock raising, making a specialty of fine blooded sheep of the Ramboullet breed.

In 1880 Mr. Hagenbuch was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Howard, a daughter of George Howard, of Champaign county, and unto them have been born two sons, George Edwin, who is a member of the junior class in the Ohio State University, and Frank, who is a member of the senior class in the high school of Urbana.

In his business affairs Mr. Hagenbuch is energetic, prompt and notably reliable. Keen perception and honesty of purpose are among his chief characteristics and have been salient features in this prosperity. He has been successful in business undertakings, yet it has not alone been the goal for which he has been striving, for he belongs to that class of representative American citizens who promote the general prosperity while advancing individual interests. He has rendered effective service to his city and district in public office. He is spoken of as one of the best councilmen that ever served in Urbana. While on the finance committee he was influential in re-adjusting the natural gas debt at a saving to the city of about thirty thousand dollars, and his efforts along other lines were equally beneficial. In 1899 he was elected to the general assembly, and in 1901 was re-elected by an increased majority. He served as a member of the committee on finance, salaries and claims in the seventy-fourth general assembly, and in the seventy-fifth was chairman of the committee on railroads and telegraph and second on the

finance committee. His ability was early recognized in the general assembly, where out of ninety applicants for membership on the finance committee he was selected for that important position. Socially he is equally prominent. He belongs to Harmony Lodge, No. 8, F. & A. M.; to Urbana Chapter, No. 34, R. A. M.; Urbana Council, No. 59, R. & S. M.; Raper Commandery, No. 19, K. T.; and in the Scottish Rite he has attained the thirty-second degree as a member of the consistory at Cincinnati. He is also a member of Antioch Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Dayton. He has presided over the four local bodies and is at the present time grand secretary of the Grand Chapter of Ohio. Mr. Hagenbuch well deserves mention among the most prominent and honored residents of Champaign county. Such, in brief, is the life history of Edwin Hagenbuch. In whatever relation of life we find him—in the government service, in political circles, in business or in social relations—he is always the same honorable and honored gentleman, whose worth well merits the high regard which is uniformly given him.

WILLIAM C. PANGBORN.

A career whose many-sided usefulness is recalled with pride and gratitude by the citizens of Mechanicsburg is that of William C. Pangborn, a native of the town where he was known in educational, business and professional circles, and where his birth occurred December 4, 1825. His father, Freeman Pangborn, was one of the very early settlers of Champaign county, whither he had removed in his young manhood from his native state of Pennsylvania, and to the development of which he devoted the best energies of his remaining years.

In Mechanicsburg William C. Pangborn acquired his education at

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the public schools, and while still young in years evinced habits of thrift and industry. His acquirements were put to the practical test in his native city, where for a number of years he engaged in educational work, the high character of which gained him a reputation among the chief promoters of knowledge of his time and place. After the death of his mother he undertook to learn the trade of tanning, an occupation not sufficiently congenial to warrant long continuance, and which was abandoned entirely for the more ambitious project of law. In the office of Judge John Corwin, of Urbana, he gained the first insight into the profession to which he devoted himself up to the time of his death, February 14, 1897. He became renowned for his lucid exposition of the principles of law, and for his devotion to its highest and most lasting tenets. Interspersed with his professional duties were numerous business ventures of more or less importance, and for seven or eight years of the best part of his life he engaged in farming and stock-raising in the vicinity of Mechanicsburg. In whatsoever line of activity chosen, he wielded an influence for progress and substantiality, the more so because his accomplishments were due rather to his own efforts and wise acceptance of surrounding opportunities, than to any special favor bestowed by a prejudiced fortune.

Through his marriage with Martha Spry, in 1851, Mr. Pangborn had yet another incentive for continued success, for his wife proved a helpmate indeed, and a never failing source of sympathy and appreciation. Mrs. Pangborn comes of a family long associated with New York, from which state her father, William Spry, removed to Ohio at an early day. To Mr. and Mrs. Pangborn were born three children, two of whom are deceased. Charles, the only survivor, is now living in Mexico, while his mother continues to reside among the familiar scenes of her youth, marriage, and later life in Mechanicsburg. Mr. Pangborn was politically affiliated with the Republican party, but his conservative nature never

lent itself to the feverish uncertainties of office-seeking and general politics. He was a Mason fraternally, and was connected with innumerable efforts for the general upbuilding of his native town.

GEORGE W. PICKERING, M. D.

The noble profession of the physician and surgeon affords to the students in these branches of science a never failing source of investigation and experiment. New remedial agents are constantly being discovered and practically applied in therapeutics; wonderful progress is being made in the domain of surgery; and new methods of treatment are being evolved. It is needless to say that the physician who would keep in touch with the advances made must be a close student of his profession, devoting much time and thought to specific reading and investigation, in addition to meeting the practical demands placed upon him by the work of his chosen vocation. In the noble army of workers in this humane field may be found Dr. Pickering, who is one of the representative members of the medical profession in Champaign county and whose success indicates his personal popularity and his ability in his profession, with which he is thoroughly *en rapport,* sparing no pains to keep abreast of the advanced thought and knowledge pertaining thereto. The Doctor is a sterling type of the self-made man, to whom our republic points with just satisfaction and pride, and his is the strength and prestige which is begotten only of definite personal effort.

Dr. Pickering is a native son of the Old Dominion state, that cradle of much of our national history, having been born in Rockingham county, Virginia, on the 1st of July, 1859, the seventh in order of birth of the

nine children of Richard and Jeanette (Smith) Pickering, both of whom were likewise born in Virginia, where the death of the former occurred soon after the close of the Civil war, while the latter passed away March 12, 1900. Richard Pickering was a farmer by occupation, and his son, the Doctor, grew up under the sturdy discipline of the homestead, receiving his preliminary education in the schools of his native state and early beginning to contribute his quota to the work of the farm. As his father died when he was a mere child, the Doctor early became dependent upon his own resources, and upon attaining the age of nineteen years left his native state and came to Urbana, Ohio, where he continued his studies in the high school until he became qualified for pedagogic work, being a successful teacher in the country schools of this section for five terms, within a period of three years. In the meanwhile he had formulated decisive plans as to his vocation in life, having determined to prepare himself for the profession of medicine. He began his technical reading in the office and under the preceptorship of Dr. William J. Sullivan, of Urbana, and in order to properly fortify himself for his chosen work then entered Starling Medical College, in the city of Columbus, where he was matriculated in the year 1883, completing the prescribed course in this celebrated institution, where he was graduated, with the coveted degree of Doctor of Medicine, as a member of the class of 1886.

Dr. Pickering instituted the practical work of his profession by locating in the village of Eris, Champaign county, where he remained for a period of nine years, securing precedence as a devoted and capable physician and surgeon. In seeking a wider field of endeavor he then came to Urbana, where he has ever since been established in a practice of representative character and where he has gained still further precedence in his chosen life work. He is a member of the Champaign County Medical Society and takes a lively interest in its affairs, while

he is a close and receptive student of the best medical literature and thus keeps fully in touch with the advances made in the various branches of this most exacting of all professions. In April, 1901, the Doctor was appointed a member of the board of examining surgeons for pensions in his county, and is rendering efficient and faithful service in this capacity. In politics he exercises his franchise in support of the principles and policies of the Democratic party and fraternally he is identified with the local lodge of the Improved Order of Red Men, and Harvey Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

On the 5th of March, 1886, Dr. Pickering was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Rinaker, who was born in Champaign county, the daughter of Simeon Rinaker, and they have two daughters,—Jeanette and Helen, aged fifteen and nine, respectively.

PETER BLACK.

In the best development of Champaign county Peter Black bore an important part. He was identified with the agricultural interests of this section of the state from pioneer days and while promoting the material welfare of the community also gave an active and liberal support to those measures which tended to advance its intellectual and moral status. His life was filled with good deeds and kindly thoughts, and all who knew him entertained for him the highest regard, by reason of his upright, honorable life.

Mr. Black was born in Wayne township, Champaign county, May 14, 1828. His father, Peter Black, Sr., was of German descent and was born in Pennsylvania, but he became one of the early pioneers of Champaign county, Ohio, taking up his abode in Wayne township. He fol-

MR. AND MRS. PETER BLACK.

lowed the tilling of the soil as a life occupation. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Hughes, was also a member of a prominent old family of this county, her father, Abram Hughes, having located here in a very early day. Of their seven children Mr. Black, of this review, was the sixth child in order of birth, and he was reared and educated in Wayne township, and when but a boy he began the active battle of life for himself alone and unaided. On the 9th of March, 1851, he was united in marriage to Catherine Felger, who was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, July 27, 1832. Her father, Samuel Felger, also claimed that locality as the place of his nativity, but as early as 1834 came to the Buckeye state, locating in Allen county, where he resided on a farm until 1840, and in that year took up his abode in Henry county, Iowa, where he passed away in death in 1892. For his wife he chose Lucretia Trout, and she, too, was a native of Pennsylvania of French descent, her parents having emigrated to the United States and located in the Keystone state. Of the nine children, five daughters and four sons, born unto Mr. and Mrs. Felger, Mrs. Black is the eldest. She was reared in Allen county, Ohio, and in Henry county, Iowa, and in the latter place, in 1850, gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Black. They began their married life on a farm in Wayne township, Champaign county, but five years later they removed to Henry county, Iowa, where they made their home for a year and a half. Returning thence to Champaign county, they located on the farm on which Mrs. Black now resides, consisting of one hundred and ninety-eight acres. Since her husband's death she has given a careful supervision to the property and is an excellent business woman. By their thrift and economy they succeeded in gaining a competence for old age, and at one time they owned as high as eight hundred and seventy acres of land. Together they worked very successfully. In any business transactions of importance he always consulted his wife and well he did, as her business ability has been well tried since he passed away.

Nine children came to brighten and bless the home of our subject and wife, but one died in infancy, the others being Samuel, Freemont, Henry E., Granville, M. Lucretia, the wife of William Berry; Emma, deceased; Charles B.; and Cora, who died in 1896. The living children are all married and have good homes of their own. Mr. Black spent his last days at his pleasant home in Wayne township, and there closed his eyes in death in 1899. A prominent representative of industrial interests, a popular factor in social life, a faithful friend, a kind husband and father and a consistent Christian, he left behind him an untarnished record.

THOMAS DENTON CROW.

That adverse conditions build up the strong and break down the weak is a truism emphasized in the life of Thomas Denton Crow, lawyer, educator, and erstwhile man of affairs of Urbana and Champaign county. Though at present retired from the strenuous activity which has characterized a well directed career, and a serene spectator of the prosperity of which he has been a developing force, no more convincing example is available for those who are discouraged and beset with limitations, of the possible preponderance of mind and determination over obstacles however great or deterring.

A native son of Ohio, Mr. Crow was born in Harrison township, Champaign county, October 21, 1821, and comes of paternal German and maternal New England descent. His father, Joseph Crow, was born in Virginia, October 1, 1790, while his mother, Marita (Hull) Crow, was born January 4, 1796. The parents were married in 1813, and thereafter settled on a farm in Harrison township, of which the paternal grandfather Crow had been a very early settler. Joseph Crow was a

man of more than ordinary intelligence and education, and a devoted member of the Methodist church, in which he was a class leader and exhorter. His death in 1825 left to the care of his widow one daughter and four sons, over whose irresponsible youth the shadows of loneliness and unhappiness were doomed to fall. A desire to further the interests of her children induced the mother to remarry the following year, and through a union with Joseph Longfellow, an old resident of Concord township, she hoped to relieve the financial and general depression under which they were laboring. This marriage proved something of a disappointment to one of the noblest of pioneer mothers, who lives in the memory of her children as one who possessed unusual faithfulness and piety, and whose death, August 2, 1864, closed an existence crowded with toil and deprivation. Six children were born of the second union, but the futility of her sacrifice must have embittered her heart at the beginning of her life with Joseph Longfellow, for one of her first husband's children was sent away at once, and two others soon followed them to exile from her care and tenderness. Thomas D. became a bound boy on the farm when eight years of age, and during the five years of hardship which followed, experienced little of the joy and expectancy of youth. The school privileges stipulated in the contract were ignored altogether, and it was with a sense of loosened chains that his release came at the end of the allotted time. Henceforth he was at least free, and the world lay before him full of chances to be seized by his strong arms and intellect and courageous young heart. Foremost in his thought was the desire for an education, and as the money left him by his father had disappeared under the management of his step-father, he was obliged to plan a combination of work and study in order to meet the expense of tuition. At the age of fourteen he began to learn the trade of tailoring at Urbana, and while thus employed for several years occupied his leisure in acquiring the desired knowledge. So studious

was he that at the age of eighteen he had qualified as a teacher, and at nineteen he entered the Ohio Conference High School, at Springfield, and met his current expenses by teaching during vacation, doing janitor work and performing such other tasks as yielded needed remuneration. By the practice of the most rigid economy, and a large portion of the time subsisting on brown bread and water, he was able, at the end of four years, to pass the preparatory examination required of students at Augusta College. Here again his tact and resourcefulness were truly surprising, for though he entered the institution somewhat in debt, at the time of graduation in 1846 he was not only out of debt but had saved four hundred dollars out of his salary as principal of the preparatory department of his Alma Mater.

On his return to Urbana Mr. Crow found the Ohio Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church in session at Piqua, and into this body of enthusiastic workers he was admitted as a member, and subsequently filled several important charges. For two years he was a member of the faculty of the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio, and by 1860 had determined to devote his career to the practice of law. The following year he graduated in April from the Cincinnati Law School, and thereafter practiced for two years in Monticello, Indiana. In the meantime the pressing need of his stricken country had not fallen on unconscious ears, for he had been busily engaged in raising troops for the Union army, and would himself have enlisted had it not been for his three motherless children. The year 1864 found him again in Urbana working up a law practice, and the next year his enthusiastic advocacy of education found an outlet as superintendent of public schools of Urbana. For a number of years he served as county examiner, and from 1869 until 1872 he was chief clerk and acting state commissioner of schools, and temporarily resided at Columbus, Ohio. After the completion of this responsibility Mr. Crow returned to Urbana, and not until

a few years ago did he terminate a vigorous and capable professional career, his retirement being actuated by a compelling need of rest.

Thrice married, the union of Mr. Crow in 1847 with Henrietta Downs, who died in Cincinnati in 1858, resulted in four sons and one daughter. Of his second marriage there was one daughter, and in 1868 he married Mrs. Eliza M. Crabill, *nee* Hedges. Since the organization of the party Mr. Crow has allied his political fortunes with Republican principles and issues, and has stanchly supported the same in city and county. Innumerable enterprises for the general upbuilding of the community have received his practical support and been benefited by his far-sighted council, for few can more fully realize the benefit of progressive measures when backed by wise conservatism. Out of a life containing much of success as well as grief and misfortune he has evolved philosophies optimistic and helpful in the extreme, and the city is fortunate in the possession of a citizen who has so deftly fashioned harmony out of discord and so unfalteringly based his actions upon the principles of truth and humanity.

ROBERT HENDERSON, M. D.

Dr. Henderson is a most skillful and successful physician of Urbana and is a popular and highly respected citizen. He was born in Parkersburg, West Virginia, March 22, 1851, and is a son of Richard H. and Anna Maria (Shanklin) Henderson, both of whom were natives of the Old Dominion. The Doctor was reared in his native town during the greater part of his youth, but for a time resided with his parents in Wheeling and in the schools of those two cities he acquired his literary education. Determining to devote his attention to one of the

most important and valuable professions to which man can give his attention—the alleviation of human suffering—he began the study of medcine while clerking in Parkersburg and afterward matriculated in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Baltimore, Maryland, being graduated in that institution with the class of 1878.

The Doctor then located in West Virginia, where he remained for only a brief period, and then took up his abode in New Moorefield, Clark county, Ohio, where he retained his residence until the fall of 1884, when he came to Urbana, having since remained continuously in this city. He is a member of the Champaign County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. The interchange of thought and knowledge and the importance of investigation and experiment, given in these organizations, have enabled him to keep in constant touch with the progress that is continually advancing the practice of medicine toward perfection.

In 1875 the Doctor was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth S. Thomas, of Point Pleasant, West Virginia. They have two children, Richard T. and Helen, the latter yet in school. The son was born in Parkersburg, West Virginia, in 1878, and after attending the public schools of Urbana, entered the Urbana University. He studied medicine under the direction of his father, was graduated in the Starling Medical College of Columbus in the spring of 1900, and has since been associated with his father in practice, the firm having a large and lucrative patronage. Dr. Henderson of this review is an active Democrat, unfaltering in his advocacy of the party principles and during President Cleveland's second administration he served as a member of the pension board. Fraternally he is a Master Mason, but he has never sought political or fraternal honors, preferring to give his attention in an undivided manner to his professional duties, which are steadily increasing.

JOHN H. YOUNG.

During many years of his lifetime John H. Young was one of the conspicuous characters of Champaign county, prominent because of his activity in public affairs, and respected and esteemed for his many excellent traits of character. He was born in Franklin, Warren county, Ohio, September 15, 1813, a son of General Robert Young, a native of Dauphin county, Pennsylvania. General Young settled in Warren county, Ohio, in 1796, and won his rank as an officer in the war of 1812. He subsequently located in Piqua, Miami county, Ohio, of which town he was a pioneer, and prominent citizen and attorney. A masterful grasp of his profession, and an intelligent understanding of the needs and conditions by which he was surrounded resulted in his call to many positions of trust and responsibility, among them being that of state senator.

When fifteen years of age John H. Young began business life in a printing office, but soon after entered Oxford College, from which he was graduated in 1835. He soon after read law with General Israel Hamilton, of Urbana, and was admitted to the bar in 1837, his rise in his profession being almost instantaneous. He married in 1838 with Elizabeth J., daughter of Joseph White, a pioneer of Ohio, and afterward a resident of Urbana. Of this union there were born three children, viz.: Frances, widow of the late Hon. Frank Chance, of Urbana; Carrie, wife of M. E. Barber; and Robert, a resident of Urbana.

Mr. Young was admitted to practice at the bar of the United States courts of Ohio in 1844, and the same year was the unsuccessful Democratic candidate for congress, his opponent being ex-Governor Joseph Vance. Some years after he was again a candidate for congress, but though defeated by Moses B. Corwin, his popularity on both occasions may be inferred from the fact that he always ran far ahead of his party

ticket. He was a member of the Ohio constitutional convention of 1873, and took a prominent part in the debates and deliberations of that august body, being a member of three of the most important committees, and chairman of the committee on amendments. On several occasions he was presidential elector, and held many local offices devolving on men of known character and ability. During the war of the Rebellion he was an active supporter of the government, and favored all measures tending to the vigorous prosecution of the war. For many years he was president of the National Bank, and his ceaseless but conservative activity penetrated many grooves of business and professional interest. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, and his character was builded on the principles of truth and justice.

SIMON W. WHITMORE.

Of the pioneer families which have materially contributed to the prosperity of Champaign county, and particularly to that of Mad River township is the one represented by S. W. Whitmore. They have ever been peaceful, law-abiding citizens, industrious, just and conscientious in all their transactions, and their name and record is still untarnished. John Whitmore, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, March 4, 1776. In 1802, however, he left his southern home for the Buckeye state, locating on the farm on which our subject now resides, and here his death occurred on the 17th of September, 1850. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. His wife, Elizabeth (Pence) Whitmore was also a native of the Old Dominion, her birth occurring on the 8th of February, 1777, and she reached the age of more than three score years and ten.

S. W. WHITMORE AND FAMILY.

Jacob Whitmore, their son and the father of our subject, was born in the old family home in Virginia, but when only two years of age, in 1802, was brought by his parents to Champaign county, Ohio. He was here married to Catherine Zimmerman, who was born in this county December 20, 1807, and their wedding was celebrated on the 24th of March, 1826. Her father, George Zimmerman, came from Virginia, the state of his birth, to Champaign county, Ohio, when but a boy. He was one of the first to follow the blacksmith's trade in the county, and he also erected and operated a sawmill, known as the Zimmerman mill. His death occurred about 1845. The Whitmore family is of German descent, the paternal great-grandfather of our subject having emigrated to America from that country, and on his arrival here he took up his abode in Shenandoah county, Virginia. The maternal great-grandfather was also a native of the fatherland. The marriage of Jacob and Catherine (Zimmerman) Whitmore resulted in the birth of seven children, five daughters and two sons, as follows: Eliza Jane, deceased; Barbara A., the wife of Charles Dagger, a prominent farmer of Concord township, Champaign county; Sarah J., the wife of Mathew Barger, a prominent business man of Concord township; Elizabeth, the wife of Leonard Barger, who is living retired in Johnson township, this county; Simon W., of this review; Joseph M., who died at the age of four years; and one, the twin of Barbara, who died in infancy. The father of this family passed away in death on his old home farm in Mad River township on the 17th of September, 1850, and his wife was called to her final rest when she had reached the age of eighty-four years.

Simon W. Whitmore, whose name introduces this review, was born on the old homestead farm in this county on the 16th of May, 1835, and during his youth enjoyed the educational advantages afforded by the primitive log school house of the neighborhood, which he was permitted to attend about five months during the year, while for a time he was also

a student in the subscription schools. Remaining with his parents until his marriage, he then located on a tract of sixty acres in Concord township, but two years later returned to this locality, and with the exception of the time there spent he has continually made his home in Mad River township. After his return here he located on his father's old homestead, and after the latter's death purchased the interests of the remaining heirs, thus becoming the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land. About 1872 he disposed of this property and purchased the old homestead which his grandfather had located on first coming to the county, about 1802, and here he now owns one hundred and ninety-seven acres of rich and productive land. His life has been well spent, and in business affairs he has been rewarded by a well merited competence.

December 25, 1860, Mr. Whitmore was united in marriage to Elizabeth Wiant, who was born in Mad River township, Champaign county, November 7, 1840, a daughter of Brightbury and Jerusha (Ward) Wiant, prominent early settlers of the locality. Mrs. Whitmore's grandfather, John Wiant, was one of the first tanners in Champaign county. He was born in Virginia and died in Mad River township, this county, at about seventy-five years of age. Five children have been born unto the union of Simon and Elizabeth (Wiant) Whitmore, three daughters and two sons, as follows: Sylvia Ida, the wife of Ross Wiant, a prominent farmer of Champaign county, and they have three living children,—Warren, Brightbury and Simon Marley. Minnie Ulva is the wife of Daniel S. Sibert, of Newton county, Missouri, and they are the parents of three children,—Grace, Jenefer and Frank W. Samuel B. W. married Ora E. Neff and resides on the old homestead. They have one son, Simon Joe. Dottie M. is the wife of William Gumpert, of Concord township, and has two children,—Lillian E. and Harold Whitmore. Harry D. A. is still at home with his parents.

Since attaining to mature years Mr. Whitmore has given his political support to the Democracy, and although he is at all times a public-spirited and progressive citizen he has never sought or desired the emoluments of public office, preferring to give his undivided time to his business interests. He is one of the valued members of the Myrtle Tree Baptist church. His sterling worth commands the respect and confidence of all, and he is one of the valued members of his native county.

JAMES B. JOHNSON.

Labor, honorable and well directed, has long since been granted its proper place in the plans of the world, and it is the busy man who assumes leadership in all affairs. His fidelity to the duties by which his business is carried on is that by which he is judged by his fellow men, and the verdict is rendered in accordance with his accomplished purposes. In this sense Mr. Johnson has won the commendation and respect of all with whom he has come in contact. Dependent upon his own resources from an early age, he has led a busy and useful life and by his own efforts has worked his way steadily upward, achieving a position of prominence and independence ere he had attained the prime of life. He has ever had the highest respect for the dignity of honest toil and endeavor, being mindful of the steps by which he has personally risen, and his executive ability has been quickened by his varied experiences, through which there has been no vacillation of purpose and through which he has shown that elemental strength and self-reliance which have made for worthy success and gained to him unqualified confidence and regard. He is now numbered among the representative citizens and business men of Urbana, whose people have manifested their appreciation of his eligi-

bility by twice electing him to the chief executive office of the municipal government, in which he is now serving his second term, having made a record as one of the most able and popular mayors the city has ever had and giving an economical and thoroughly business-like administration.

James B. Johnson was born in Kansas City, Missouri, on the 9th of April, 1860, being the son of Alfred and Anna M. (Thorn) Johnson, the former of whom was born in Warren county, Ohio, and the latter in Dutchess county, New York, of English lineage. They now maintain their home in the city of Richmond, Indiana, the father being a beloved and devoted minister of the Society of Friends, of which he is a birthright member. Of his eight children three are deceased. The parents of our subject removed from Kansas City to Wilmington, Clinton county, Ohio, when he was an infant, and there he was reared to the age of sixteen years, having received such educational advantages as were afforded by the public schools. At the age noted Mr. Johnson gave inception to his independent career, securing a position as newsboy for the Union News Company and running on trains out of the city of Indianapolis, Indiana. Later he was employed in a dairy at Friendswood, sixteen miles distant from that city, in Hendricks county, and his next occupation was as a conductor on the Indianapolis street car lines owned by Hon. Thomas Johnson, of Cleveland. From Indianapolis he made his way to St. Louis, where he was employed for a time as driver on street cars and later operated the passenger elevator in the Planters Hotel, in the meanwhile putting his leisure hours to good use by attending night school. Ever alert to improve his position, we next find the young man installed in charge of the livery and carriage agency in the Southern Hotel, the other leading caravansary of the Missouri metropolis. Finally, in 1880, when twenty years of age, Mr. Johnson secured the position as messenger in that well known financial institu-

tion, the Chase National Bank, of New York City, where he remained four years, being advanced to the position of clearing house clerk of the bank. He left this position to accept that of secretary to the treasurer of the Erie railroad and in 1886 went to western Kansas, where for two years he was identified with the real-estate and banking business, while in 1887 he was incumbent of the office of mayor of Scott City, that state. In 1888 he returned to New York City, where he remained two years in the employ of W. H. Fletcher & Company, importers and manufacturers of lace curtains. Thereafter he passed two years in the city of Philadelphia, and in 1890 came to Urbana, where he accepted a position as traveling salesman for the wholesale grocery house of the W. H. Marvin Company. He continued to represent this house through its trade territory until 1897, when he was elected mayor of Urbana and in addition to assuming his official duties also engaged in the retail furniture and house-furnishing business, utilizing the old Marvin headquarters, where he continued operations until October, 1901, when he removed to his present finely equipped and eligibly located quarters, at 119 North Main street, where he has built up a large and flourishing business, receiving a representative patronage and commanding the confidence of the local public by his careful and honorable methods and unvarying courtesy. His administration of municipal affairs was such as to gain for him marked popular endorsement, leading to his re-election in 1900, and he is still incumbent of this office. Fraternally Mr. Johnson is prominently identified with the Masonic order, in which he has completed the round of the York Rite, being a member of Raper Commandery, Knights Templar, and also holding prestige as a noble of Antioch Temple of the Mystic Shrine, at Dayton, while he is also identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the United Commercial Travelers. In his political proclivities Mr. Johnson is an ardent

advocate of the principles and policies of the Republican party, and his religious faith is that of the Protestant Episcopal church, he and his wife being communicants of the Church of the Epiphany, while both take an active interest in the general and parochial work of the church.

On the 3rd of September, 1890, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Anna W. Marvin, daughter of William H. Marvin, president of the wholesale grocery company which bears his name and known as one of the representative citizens of Urbana and the state. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have three children,—Loretta, Marvin and Elizabeth.

FRANK CHANCE.

The judicial history of Champaign county and of this portion of the state of Ohio would be incomplete without mention of the Hon. Frank Chance. If biography is the home aspect of history, as Wilmot has expressed it, it is certainly within the province of this volume to make record of the life and deeds of those whose work has helped to shape public policy and to mold the minds of men in lines leading to its substantial progress and improvement. Such a one was Frank Chance, a man of scholarly attainments, of keen discernment, of loyalty in citizenship and of untarnished honor.

He was born in Champaign county, Ohio, and acquired his early education in the district schools near Westville, while later he became a student in the high school at Urbana and subsequently continued his studies in the Miami University at Oxford, Ohio. In the fall of 1860 he entered upon the study of law in the office of General John H. Young, of Urbana, but when the country became involved in Civil war he put aside all personal consideration that he might assist in preserving the

Union intact. Hardly had the smoke of Fort Sumter's guns cleared away when on the 17th of April, 1861, he became a private of Company D, Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, being honorably discharged on the 22nd of August of the same year, on the expiration of his term. In May, 1862, however, he re-enlisted in response to the call for troops to serve for three years, and joined the boys in blue of the Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. His comrades chose him as first lieutenant and he proved a loyal advocate of the old flag.

When his military service was over, Mr. Chance took up the study of law in Cincinnati and on the 4th of May, 1863, was admitted to the bar by the district court of Hamilton county, but his country was still engaged in warfare and on the 23rd of November, 1863, he entered the naval service as acting master's mate and was in the memorable and disastrous Red River expedition. On the 25th of June, 1864, he resigned and in the fall of the same year became a member of the law firm of Young, Leedom & Chance. Subsequently he was appointed solicitor for the Pittsburg, Columbus, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad Company and acted in that capacity up to the time of his death. He was also a well known factor in financial circles and was one of the charter members of the Third National Bank, to the presidency of which he was chosen on the 12th of January, 1892. Upon the reorganization of the institution as the National Bank of Urbana, he was continued in the presidency and remained at the head until his life's labors ended. He was hardly more than a boy when he became connected with the Third National and soon afterward entered upon the presidency, but in the discharge of his duties displayed marked capability, keen foresight and financial power. He was also the president of the Urbana Electric Light & Power Company and was identified with several other business enterprises in this city.

Perhaps Mr. Chance was best known, however, in connection with

the practice of law, and in the proceedings of a memorial meeting, held by the Champaign Bar Association to take action upon his death, is found the following:

"As a lawyer he was studious, industrious and methodical; possessed of a logical mind, by his industry and studious habits he became a lawyer of more than ordinary ability. He believed in the dignity and the authority of the court, the supremacy of the law, and always conducted himself in accordance with his belief. It mattered not how bitter the contest, he always treated the opposing counsel with proper courtesy, and had a due regard for the feelings and rights of all persons connected with the trial. Both in the trial and settlement of cases he was an example of fairness, dignity and courtesy, worthy of imitation. He was true to his client, but never played the part of pettifogger. He always labored for his clients according to his rights, the facts and the law as he understood them.

"During the past few years of his life disease preyed upon him and at times his suffering was great, and yet through it all he was a model of patience and gentleness. By reason of the foregoing and his many other estimable qualities of heart and mind not mentioned, we realize that in his death our loss is great, and we shall ever revere his memory. While our loss is great, yet deeper and greater is the loss to his beloved family, and we hereby extend to the widow and children our deepest sympathy."

Mr. Chance was married October 14, 1865, to Frances Sarah Young, a daughter of General Young, a distinguished and honored resident of Champaign county. Her father died in November, 1895, while her mother passed away on the 30th of January, 1892. Both were devoted Christian people, the former belonging to the Presbyterian church and the latter to the Methodist Episcopal church. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Chance was blessed with three daughters: Carrie G., now

the wife of Clark Gregg, of Denver, Colorado; Blanche and Edith. The Chance homestead was a very happy home and the spirit of comradeship existed between father and daughters as well as between wife and husband. Mr. Chance gave his political support to the Democracy and strongly advocated its principles. His was an upright manhood, one that subordinated personal ambition to public good. In speaking of him, one of the local papers said: "Colonel Chance was an able lawyer—but more than this, he was one who brought to his splendid professional character a charm of polish and broad culture which commanded the admiration of friend and opponent alike. His career was an inspiration to the bar of which he was a member, and its record now adorns Champaign county history with that of those distingushed ones who have given the legal profession of this state its high standing. In all his estates, in family, profession and community, his life was an example, the loss of which is sincerely and deeply felt."

EVAN P. MIDDLETON.

Evan P. Middleton, who is now serving as judge of the court of common pleas of Champaign county, has long occupied a position of distinction at the bar of Urbana. He was born on his father's farm in Wayne township, April 19, 1854, his parents being John and Mary (McCumber) Middleton. In tracing the lineage of the Middleton family it is ascertained that the ancestors of colonial times were of South Carolina. The family is of English origin, but because of long residence and frequent intermarriages with persons of other nationality, the stock may be said to have become a modern American composite. In colonial days the early ancestors of the family in America were prominent in the

agitation for liberty which led to the Revolutionary war. Arthur Middleton, one of the ancestors, was a member of congress from South Carolina and a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Members of the family went to Virginia from South Carolina and the paternal grandparents of our subject were natives of Fairfax county, Virginia. They came to Ohio in 1810 and setled in Brown county, near Georgetown. The grandfather served in the war of 1812. He was a civil engineer and surveyor and assisted in surveying and establishing the county lines of Pike, Brown, Adams and other counties in the southern part of Ohio. His occupation was that of a farmer and with his family he removed to Champaign county, settling upon a tract of land, which he continued to cultivate throughout the years of his active business career, and when he had put aside farm labors he still made his home upon that place, passing away there at the age of ninety-five years, while his wife reached the advanced age of ninety-three years. They had passed the seventieth anniversary of their wedded life before either of them died.

John Middleton, his son and the father of our subject, devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and died in 1881 of pneumonia, at the age of sixty years on his farm in Wayne township. His birth had occurred in Brown county, Ohio, and his entire life was passed in this state. He wedded Mary McCumber, who was born in the Empire state and died at the age of seventy-eight years, her death occurring in the village of Cable, near the old homestead in 1894. She was of Scotch and German parentage, her father having been of Scotch lineage, while her mother's ancestors came from Germany. By her marriage Mrs. Middleton had seven sons and three daughters, of whom two sons died in infancy. William West served three years and more in the Civil war in Company E, Ninety-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and died in 1897 from trouble due to his army service. Lucinda J. is the wife of Charles

R. Sanders, of Springfield, Ohio. Cornelia A. married H. M. Durnell, of East Monroe, Ohio. John W. is a resident of Union county, Ohio. Staten E. is a resident farmer of Champaign county. Evan P. is the subject of this sketch. Arthur N., who died in 1889, was a lawyer of unusual ability, for ten years the law partner of his brother, Evan P. He served two terms as city solicitor for Urbana and won for himself a state reputation as a municipal corporation lawyer, and was an active Republican politician. Mary Elizabeth is the wife of C. N. Dodson, a farmer of Champaign county. Abner H. is engaged in the practice of medicine in Cable, Ohio; and Milton C. is an agriculturist residing in Union county, Ohio.

Evan P. Middleton acquired his early education in the country schools of Wayne township, where he was reared upon his father's farm. At the age of seventeen he entered the high school of Urbana, there continuing his studies for about a year. When eighteen years of age he began teaching and followed that profession for eight years. During this period he and his brother, Arthur N., kept up a course of literary and classical studies under the direction of a private tutor, studying the higher branches of mathematics and Latin classics, as well as English literature. During the last two and one-half years of this course they devoted their time to the study of law also, under the preceptorship of the late General John H. Young. In 1878 they were admitted to the bar before the supreme court of Ohio at Columbus, and the following year the brothers opened a law office in Urbana, thus entering upon the practice of law together under the firm name of Middleton & Middleton. This relation was continued harmoniously until the death of Arthur N. Middleton in 1889.

Evan P. Middleton was elected prosecuting attorney of Champaign county in 1883, and re-elected in 1886, serving in the office for six years with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. In 1891 he

was appointed by the supreme court and served for one year as a member of the board of examiners of the law school of Cincinnati. He became a candidate for nomination by the Republicans for congress in the eighth congressional district against the Hon. A. Lybrand, representative from that district, at the end of his second term in 1898, and in that convention received the solid support of the delegates from Champaign and Hardin counties and from a majority of the delegates from Logan county, but the support was not sufficient to nominate him. He has always been a Republican and has taken an active part as a campaign speaker in furthering the interests of his party for many years. He served one year on the Republican state central committee from his congressional district and four years as chairman of the Champaign county Republican executive committee. In 1900 he was unanimously nominated for state senator by the Republicans of the eleventh district, composed of the counties of Champaign, Clark and Madison, and was elected in November by an unusual majority. While in the senate he served as chairman of the committee on state buildings and was a member of the committees on judiciary, county affairs, common schools and school lands, insurance, federal relations and privileges and elections. On the 6th of September, 1901, Governor George K. Nash appointed him to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. C. B. Heiserman as judge of the court of common pleas for the second subdivision of the second judicial district, to accept which he resigned the office of state senator. In the Republican convention he was unanimously nominated for election to the office of judge of the court of common pleas and on the 5th of November, 1901, was chosen by popular suffrage for the office, so that he is the present incumbent.

Judge Middleton was married on the 29th of December, 1875, to Miss Zeppa Rippetoe, daughter of William and Martha (Farmer) Rippetoe, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Kentucky, for years highly respectable residents of Champaign county. Mrs. Mid-

dleton was born in Wayne township, this county, December 14, 1854, and died at her home, over which she so gracefully presided in Urbana, on the 3d of November, 1901, leaving three children: Lucy Edith, the wife of A. Jay Miller, an attorney of Bellefontaine, Ohio; William R. and George S. Mrs. Middleton was an active member of the First Presbyterian church of Urbana and a lady of many admirable accomplishments. As an attorney at law Judge Middleton has long ranked with the most successful. He secured his education unaided by friends or family and has always been a close and earnest student. As a speaker he is gifted and as an advocate he is strong and persuasive,—on the bench is distingnished by the highest legal ability. To wear the ermine worthily it is not enough that one possess legal acumen, is learned in the principles of jurisprudence, familiar with precedents and thoroughly honest. Many men, even when acting uprightly, are wholly unable to divest themselves of prejudice and are unconsciously warped in their judgments by their own mental characteristics or educational peculiarities. This unconscious and variable disturbing force enters more or less into the judgments of all men, but in the ideal jurist this factor becomes so small as not to be discernible in results and loses its potency as a disturbing force. Judge Middleton is exceptionally free from all judicial bias. His varied legal learning and wide experience in the courts, the patient care with which he ascertains all the facts bearing upon every case which comes before him, gives his decisions a solidity and an exhaustiveness to which no members of the bar could take exception.

GEORGE M. EICHELBERGER.

The above named gentleman is actively connected with a profession which has important bearing upon the progress and stable prosperity of any section or community, and one which has long been con-

sidered as conserving the public welfare by furthering the ends of justice and maintaining individual rights. His reputation as a lawyer has been won through earnest, honest labor, and his standing at the bar is a merited tribute to his ability. He now has a very large practice, and his careful preparation of cases is supplemented by a power of argument and a forceful presentation of his points in the court room, so that he never fails to impress court or jury, and seldom fails to gain the verdict desired.

Mr. Eichelberger was born in Montgomery, Ohio, December 16, 1843, and is a son of Joseph E. and Mary (Maley) Eichelberger. His father was born in Washington county, Maryland, near Hagerstown, December 16, 1816, and was a son of John and Catherine (Zimmerman) Eichelberger, the former born in Martinsburg, Virginia, and the latter near Frederick City, in Frederick county, Maryland. The Eichelberger family is of German lineage and was established in America in colonial days. The great-grandfather of our subject served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, rendering valiant aid in the struggle for independence.

In the year 1824 John Eichelberger, the grandfather of our subject, became a resident of Ohio, settling on a farm a half mile from Germantown, in Montgomery county. He was a miller and followed his trade throughout the greater part of his life. He died in 1846 when about sixty-five years of age, and his wife passed away in 1868 at the age of ninety-three. In their family were eight children: Henrietta, Samuel, William and Daniel, all now deceased; Henry, of Dayton, Ohio; Joseph E.; John and Susanna have also passed away. Their son, Joseph E. Eichelberger, the father of our subject, in the year 1843, married Mary Eliza Maley, who was born in Urbana and was a daughter of the Rev. George W. Maley, a leading Methodist minister, who engaged in preaching the gospel in southwestern Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. They

were the parents of eight children: George M., of this review; Edwin S., deceased; Alonzo, who died at the age of three years; William A., who has passed away; Joseph F., also deceased; Isabella, of New York, the wife of Edgar M. Ward, an artist of wide reputation; Katie, deceased; and Robert A., who also won distinction as an artist, but who has now passed away, having died at the age of twenty-nine. In the year 1853, the father of this family became a resident of Miami county, Ohio, where he followed farming and also engaged in the grain business. In 1864 he came to Champaign county and built a warehouse, where he successfully conducted a grain trade for a long period, but is now living retired, having put aside business cares about twelve years ago. He still owns farm lands and this returns to him a good income. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is now eighty-five years of age.

George M. Eichelberger, whose name introduces this review, acquired his rudimentary education in the common schools and afterward attended the high school at Piqua, while later he pursued his studies in Cincinnati. In 1860 he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware and from the recitation room went to the army, joining Company C, Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He enlisted in May, 1862, was made corporal and served for three months, after which he returned to college and resumed his studies, receiving a diploma of graduation from the Ohio Wesleyan University in June, 1864. In May of the same year he again volunteered and re-enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Forty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and at the close of his term of service he came to Urbana, to which place his parents had removed in the meantime. Here he and Mr. W. R. Warnock became fellow students of the law under Judge Ichabod Corwin. They were admitted to the bar in 1866, entering into partnership relations, and began the practice of law, which they continued together for ten years, when

Mr. Warnock was elected common pleas judge. In 1871 Mr. Eichelberger was elected county prosecuting attorney, in which position he served for four years with success.

On the 17th of October, 1872, Mr. Eichelberger was united in marriage to Miss Emma Ring, a daughter of Hamilton Ring, of Urbana, and their living children are as follows: George H., the eldest, is a prominent and rising young attorney of Cleveland, Ohio, who served for two years as United States marshal of the consular court at Shanghai, China, but resigned the position to enter upon the practice of law; Frederick Benteen, the second member of the family, is assistant chief in the agricultural division of the Census Bureau; Susie, who married Jerome B. Zerbe, of Cleveland, Ohio; and Frank and Robert, who are at home. Mr. Eichelberger is a charter member of the W. A. Brand Post, No. 107, G. A. R. In politics he has always been a stanch and active Republican and was a delegate to the Republican national convention of 1884, supporting James G. Blaine for the presidency. He was again a delegate to the national convention in 1896. He served as chairman of the executive county committee for many years and his oratorical ability has been greatly sought in campaign work, his addresses being eloquent, logical interesting and convincing. As a lawyer he has obtained a foremost position at the Urbana bar, his skill and ability placing him among those who have long since left the ranks of the many to stand among the successful few.

EDWARD B. GAUMER.

It is with particular pleasure and satisfaction that we turn attention to the life history of the honored citizen of Urbana whose name initiates this paragraph, for not only has he been for many years prominently identified with the industrial activities of the city, being now the only

MR. AND MRS. EDWARD B. GAUMER.

resident of the place who has been consecutively in business here from the time when he founded his enterprise—nearly a half century ago—so that his is the distinction of being the oldest business man in the city; but in addition to this circumstance stands the record of an honorable and prolific life and a genealogical history which bespeaks long identification with the annals of the nation, the Gaumer family having been founded in Pennsylvania prior to the war of the Revolution.

The original American ancestor in the agnatic line was Johannes Dietrich Gaumer, who was one of a company of about fifty emigrants who came from Wurtemberg, Germany, to the United States in the year 1720, locating in Pennsylvania, whither they had fled to escape religious persecution in their native land, all being of the Lutheran faith. Edward Benjamin Gaumer, the immediate subject of this sketch, was born in Macungie, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, on the 30th of August, 1827, the son of Charles and Lucy Ann (Snyder) Gaumer. Charles Gaumer was a son of Frederick and Sallie (Desch) Gaumer, the latter of whom was a daughter of Adam Desch, who came from Wurtemberg, Germany, and located in Pennsylvania, where he purchased a tract of land, on the 23d of September, 1788. He and his wife, Gertrude, had two sons and four daughters, namely: Jacob, Philip, Catherine, Elizabeth, Mary and Sallie. Lucy Ann Snyder, the mother of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania, the daughter of Peter and Sophia (Friend) Snyder, the former of whom was a son of Peter and Dorothy Snyder, of Lehigh county, Pennsylvania. In the various generations the families have clung to the faith of the Lutheran church and have represented the most sterling manhood and womanhood. Charles and Lucy Ann (Snyder) Gaumer became the parents of six children, namely: Edward B., the immediate subject of this sketch; Sarah Ann, James Aaron and Charles Madison, who are deceased; and Josephine Clarissa and Sophia. The father was a tailor by trade and

vocation, and both he and his wife passed their entire lives in the Keystone state.

Edward B. Gaumer was reared in his native town, where his educational advantages were somewhat limited in scope, and there he served an apprenticeship of three years at the trade of carriage-making, after which, at the age of nineteen years, he left home and went to Reading, Pennsylvania, where he was employed as a journeyman at his trade for a period of about five years. Thereafter he was located about a year in Philadelphia, returning thence to Reading for a time and then coming to Marshallville, Wayne county, Ohio, the home of one of his aunts. Thence he went to Wooster, where he was employed for a time in making hoppers for threshing machines, after which he made his way on foot to Zanesville, the hardships encountered while en route being such that he was incapacitated for active work for six weeks after his arrival in the town mentioned. There he was employed at his trade for nearly a year and then passed an equal period in similar occupation in the city of Columbus. From the capital of the state he came to Urbana, arriving on the 1st of March, 1854. By industry and economy he had accumulated a small financial reserve, and this proved adequate to enable him to engage in business on his own responsibility. He associated himself with William Warren in the purchase of a carriage shop in Urbana, and the firm of Warren & Gaumer thereafter continued in business until the death of the senior member, in 1890, when the firm of E. B. Gaumer & Sons was organized and has since continued the enterprise, which has grown to one of no inconsiderable scope and importance, involving the manufacture of all varieties of light vehicles, sleighs, etc. The factory is well equipped and its products are of the highest degree of excellence, being built upon honor and invariably showing the best workmanship and finish. This is the oldest manufacturing concern in the city, and its history has been one

characterized by progressive methods and indubitable integrity on the part of the interested principals, while the venerable founder of the enterprise, still strong and vigorous, is well known throughout this section of the state and is honored and esteemed by all who know him. Mr. Gaumer has always been an uncompromising Republican in his political views, but has never consented to serve in any public office. He has been a lifelong member of the Lutheran church and upon his entire career rests no shadow of wrong or suspicion of equivocation in any of the relations of life, his sturdy honesty of purpose being a dominating characteristic. He has given close attention to his business and has not been denied a due measure of success nor the reward of public respect and good will.

On the 13th of March, 1856, Mr. Gaumer was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Hamman, who was born in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, on the 28th of January, 1825, and who proved to him a devoted wife and true helpmeet, her gentle and noble character endearing her to all with whom she came in contact, while her memory remains as a benediction resting upon those who were nearest and dearest to her. She was summoned into eternal rest on the 17th of August, 1896, having been a devoted member of the Lutheran church. Mr. and Mrs. Gaumer became the parents of five children, all of whom are living except Mary Lucy, who died in childhood. The survivors are Augustus H., George E., Alice L. and C. Blanche.

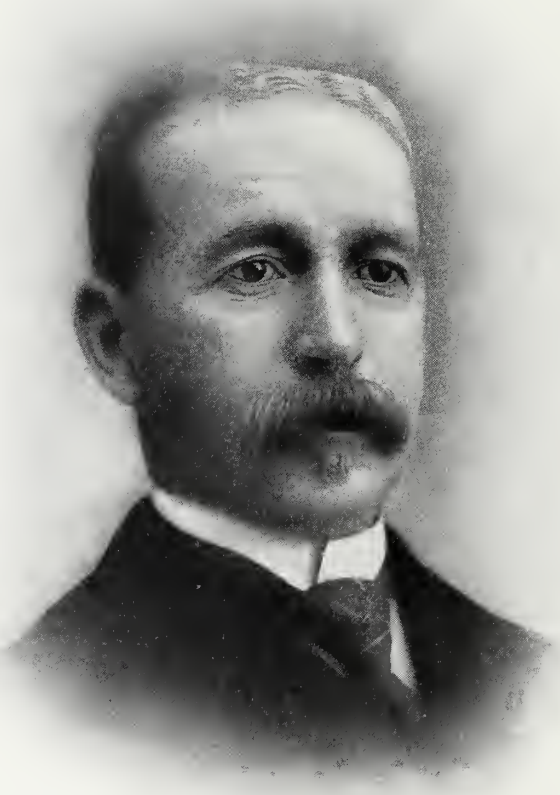
Augustus H. Gaumer was born in Urbana on the 18th of December, 1856, completed his education in the high school of his native city, where he was graduated as a member of the class of 1874, and during his business career has been identified with the enterprise established by his father nearly a half century ago. In 1884 he was united in marriage to Miss Cyrena Johnson, of Urbana, and they have two daughters,—Josephine A. and Keran J.

George E. Gaumer, who is likewise associated with his father in business, was born in Urbana on the 25th of January, 1861, and was graduated in the local high school in 1879. In 1897 was solemnized his marriage to Miss Martha Kunath, who was born in Neustadt, Germany. They have two children,—Edward K. and Agnes H. The two daughters of our subject still abide beneath the paternal roof, and the old home is a center of generous hospitality.

THOMAS H. BERRY.

Thomas H. Berry was born January 5, 1820, in Urbana, and was a son of Judge E. C. Berry, one of the most prominent and leading factors in the early history of Champaign county. Thomas H. Berry spent his entire life in the city of his nativity with the exception of three years passed in Chicago and in Danville, Illinois. Throughout his connection with the business interests here he was largely engaged in the grocery trade. It is said that his characteristics in childhood were obedience and a tractable spirit which could always be influenced by reasonable methods. As a man he was upright and honest in all business relations, was kind, loving and considerate as a father in the household and helpful as a friend and neighbor. In matters of citizenship he was loyal and trustworthy, and for nineteen years served as township treasurer, proving a worthy custodian of the public finances. His death occurred November 9, 1879, and his many excellent qualities had so endeared him to his family, however, and made him such a worthy factor in business circles that his loss was deeply felt throughout the entire community.

On the 1st of May, 1846, Thomas H. Berry was united in mar-



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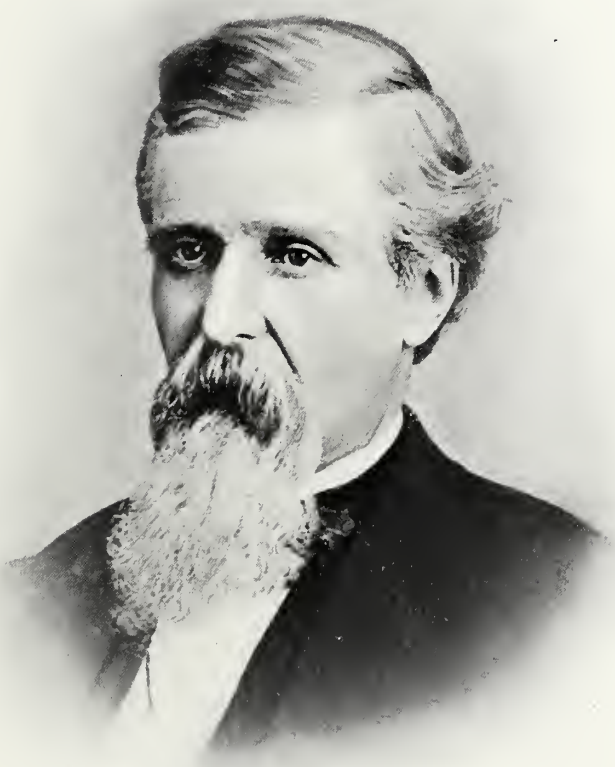


Thos H Perry

riage to Luxima Hughes, a daughter of James R. Hughes, of Oxford, Ohio, who was a son of the first Presbyterian minister of Champaign county and the first principal of Miami University, at Oxford, Ohio. The lady was born in that city, June 8, 1826, and now resides in Urbana. By her marriage she became the mother of seven children: One daughter, Mary Lamme; Thomas C., who is connected with the grocery trade of this city; James H. and Harry M., both of Wichita, Kansas; William E., who is assistant cashier in the National Bank of Urbana; Charles J., of California; and Lou B., who is an insurance agent of Urbana. The father was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church for nearly thirty years and took an active interest in its work and in all that extended its influence. His life was capable; his honor unimpeached, and his integrity unquestioned.

THOMAS C. BERRY.

Thomas C. Berry was born in Urbana January 27, 1849, and in the schools of this city pursued his education, whereby he was fitted for life's practical and responsible duties. When quite a young man he entered his father's grocery store and thus became familiar with commercial methods. Later he was admitted to a partnership in the enterprise, becoming a member of the firm in 1870, when twenty-one years of age, under the name of T. H. Berry & Son. As the years passed more and more of the management and control of the business devolved upon him, and upon his father's death he succeeded to the enterprise as sole proprietor, but retains the firm name of T. H. Berry's Son, out of respect for his father, who established the business. He has a large grocery house in which he carries a full and complete line of staple and

fancy groceries and his business has assumed extensive proportions, so that his trade is now gratifying and profitable.

In 1874 occurred the marriage of Mr. Berry and Miss Eudora Vance, granddaughter of Governor James C. Vance, and unto them have been born two children: Bertha, the wife of Frank McCracken, of Urbana; and Bessie, now Mrs. George McCracken. Both Mr. and Mrs. Berry hold membership in the Presbyterian church. He is an earnest adherent of Republican principles and for twenty years has been township treasurer, a fact which indicates unmistakably the confidence and trust reposed in him. Although he entered upon a business already established, many a man of less resolute principles would not have succeeded in carrying forward the undertaking. In all trade transactions, however, he has shown keen discernment, unfaltering energy and honesty which is beyond question, and his career proves that success is not a matter of genius, but the outcome of labor and experience.

WILLIAM F. RING.

The subject of this review, who is one of the representative members of the bar of Champaign county, is one whose ancestral history traces back to the colonial epoch of the nation and to that period which marked the inception of the greatest republic the world has ever known. The family is of stanch Swedish extraction, the original American ancestor having located in Maryland, where many of his descendants are still to be found and where the name has been one of no slight prominence in the public and private affairs of that commonwealth.

Though William F. Ring has passed the greater portion of his life in Ohio, he is a native of the sunny southland, having been born in the

city of Natchez, Mississippi, on the 27th of June, 1858, the son of Dr. Hamilton and Susan (Whitelock) Ring, both of whom were born in Maryland, where they were reared and educated, their marriage being solemnized in the city of Baltimore. The paternal grandfather of our subject was David Ring, who bore the full patronymic of his father, David, Sr., and both were born in Maryland, thus giving assurance that the family there had its foundation in an early day. Prior to the war of the Rebellion the father of our subject removed from Maryland to Urbana, Ohio, where he was engaged in the practice of his profession for several years, after which he removed to Mississippi, locating in the city of Natchez, whence he later removed to Port Gibson, where he was located during the war. He then returned to Urbana, where he was actively engaged in the practice of medicine until 1884, when he suffered a stroke of paralysis, from the effects of which he died, at the age of sixty-two years. He was a physician of marked ability, controlled a representative practice and was uniformly loved and honored for his noble character and intrinsic kindliness. His widow still maintains her home in Urbana, as do her four children, namely: Emma, who is the wife of George M. Eichelberger; Dr. Charles F., who is here engaged in the practice of medicine; Elizabeth C., who remains with her mother; and William F., the immediate subject of this review.

William F. Ring secured his preliminary educational discipline in the south, where he passed his boyhood days, and thereafter continued his studies in the Urbana public schools and the Urbana University, which institution he entered in 1872, completing the prescribed course and being graduated as a member of the class of 1879. In January of the following year he became deputy clerk in the office of the probate judge, retaining this incumbency until October of the following year, when he resigned the position in order to begin the work of preparing himself for the profession of law, which he had determined to adopt as

his vocation in life. He was duly matriculated in the Cincinnati College of Law and was there graduated in May, 1882, simultaneously securing admission to the bar of the state. He returned to Urbana and entered upon the practice of his profession, his novitiate being of practically brief duration, since his talents, devotion and energy soon gained him recognition. He is a strong advocate, presenting no case until he has thoroughly summed up the salient points and prepared himself to meet all exigencies, while as a counsel he is safe and conservative. His knowledge of the science of jurisprudence is broad and accurate, and he has won distinction and prestige in his chosen profession.

In his political allegiance Mr. Ring is found stanchly arrayed with the Republican party, and though he takes a proper interest in public affairs he has believed his profession worthy of his entire time and best efforts and has never been a seeker for political preferment. He is secretary of the Home Loan Company, fraternally is identified with the Masonic order and the Knights of Pythias, in which latter he has passed the various official chairs, and his religious faith is that of the Swedenborgian church, in which he was reared.

On the 15th of June, 1882, Mr. Ring was united in marriage to Miss Luella Magrew, of Champaign county, and they have two children,—Gertrude M. and Hamilton M.

E. ERWOOD CHENEY.

Judge Cheney is a native of Champaign county, his birth having occurred in Goshen township, July 2, 1861, his parents being James Henry and Beatrice S. (Tullis) Cheney. His father, also a native of this county, is now residing in Mechanicsburg, and was a son of Jona-

than Cheney, one of the honored pioneer settlers of this portion of the state. The family name is of French origin and was originally spelled Chene, meaning "oak." The mother of our subject was born in this county, and her father, Ezra Carter Tullis, was also a native of Champaign county, while his grandfather, Ezra Tullis, was born in Virginia. The father of our subject was a farmer, following that pursuit until his retirement from active business. Thus upon the home farm our subject spent the first fourteen years of his life and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Mechanicsburg. He is the eldest of four children, the others being Brooke, who died July 2, 1890, leaving a widow, who is now deceased, and one child; Lizzie Rachel, who is the wife of Marion L. Burnham, of London, Ohio; and William Henry, at home.

Judge Cheney is indebted to the public school system of this state for the early educational privileges which he enjoyed. He is a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, having completed the classical course in 1883, while in 1885 he was graduated in the Cincinnati Law School and was admitted to the bar on the 25th of May of that year. He began practicing in Urbana in 1888, having previous to this time been engaged in settling up the business of the Mechanicsburg Machine Company, while for fifteen months he acted as manager for its successor, W. C. Downey & Company, who have since removed to Springfield, Ohio. After entering upon the practice of law Judge Cheney became a partner of C. B. Heiseman, the relation between them being maintained for five years. In the fall of 1896 our subject was elected probate judge, entering upon the duties of the office February 9, 1897. When two years had passed he was re-elected, so that he is the present incumbent. His legal learning, his analytical mind, the readiness with which he grasps the points in an argument, all combine to make him one of the most capable jurists of this court, and the public

and the profession acknowledge him the peer of any mind that has ever sat upon this bench.

In 1888 Judge Cheney was married to Miss Cora M. Burnham, of Madison county, Ohio, a lady of superior culture and refinement, who was graduated from the Ohio Wesleyan University in 1884. They have two daughters, Helen and Ruth. Fraternally the Judge is a Knight Templar Mason and also belongs to the Mystic Shrine at Dayton. He has passed all of the chairs in the chapter, lodge and commandery, and his life exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft. He holds membership in the First Methodist Episcopal church and is serving as one of its trustees. Honored and respected in every class of society, he has for some time been a leader in thought and action in the public life of Champaign county, and his name is inscribed high on the roll of its leading citizens.

MICHAEL GALLIGHER.

Michael Galligher was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, January 16, 1831, a son of Michael and Henrietta (Lutz) Galligher. The father was born in Millers, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and was a son of Michael Galligher, Sr., whose birth occurred in Ireland and who took up his abode in Lancaster county as a pioneer settler, spending his remaining days there. By occupation he was a farmer and in his family were the following named children: John; Daniel; Samuel; Hugh; Michael; Mary and Elizabeth.

Michael Galligher, the father of our subject, was the eldest son and was born and reared in Lancaster county. Excellent educational privileges were afforded him and he was graduated in the old Pennsylvania University. Subsequently he studied law in an office in Harris-

burg with the elder Ellmaker, a noted jurist of that place, and after his admission to the bar engaged in the practice of his profession in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. It was in that city that he was married; later he removed to Pittsburg and afterward to York, Pennsylvania. His wife was born in Baltimore, Maryland, of German parentage. Mr. Galligher died in York, November 16, 1863, at the age of seventy-seven years, and his wife passed away in the same city, March 7, 1850, at the age of forty-two years. Their children were Caroline, now deceased, Michael, Henrietta, William, Joseph and Samuel, all of whom have passed away except the subject of this sketch. The father gave his political support to the Whig party until its dissolution, when he joined the ranks of the new Republican party. In religious faith he was a Roman Catholic, while his wife belonged to the Lutheran church.

Michael Galligher, whose name introduces this record, spent the first years of his life in Kittaning, Pennsylvania, to which place his parents removed when he was about a year old, going thence to York, when he was a youth of fifteen years. His early education was obtained in the Kittaning Academy and he afterward pursued a classical course under a private tutor at York. Later he began reading law under the direction of his father and at the age of twenty-nine years he responded to President Lincoln's first call for troops in the defense of the Union, going on the 25th of April, 1861, as a member of Company H, Sixteenth Pennsylvania Volunteers. Upon the organization of the company he was elected first lieutenant, and served until July 31, 1861, when he received an honorable discharge by reason of the expiration of his term of enlistment. During that period the command was compelled to cross the Potomac river six times, wading in water up to their necks. Mr. Galligher caught a severe cold and was afterward troubled with hemorrhage of the lungs. Later, however, he assisted in raising the One Hundred and Forty-seventh Pennsylvania Regiment, but about the

time the organization was effected his ill-health was manifested in the way mentioned and on account of his physical disability he was compelled to resign from further military service, otherwise he would have been elected major. He had been commissioned captain to recruit for the service, with the understanding that he would be major of the organization recruited. He is now a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and also of the military order of the Loyal Legion, being connected with the commandery of Ohio.

In 1864 Mr. Galligher came to Urbana and engaged in merchandising, conducting a dry goods store until 1878, with fair success. He had been admitted to the bar in 1868, but by the advice of his physician turned his attention to merchandising, the doctor believing it would prove more beneficial to his health than the practice of law, but commercial pursuits were not entirely to his taste. He had been admitted to the bar in York, Pennsylvania, and ten years later was admitted to practice in the courts of Ohio. In 1866 he was elected a justice of the peace and served for one term, when finding that his official duties interfered with the private practice of law, he declined a further election. In 1878, however, he was again chosen to that position and has continued in it up to the present time, being chosen by popular suffrage at each election. His decisions are ever marked by impartiality and fairness and he has won the confidence of the people. He has likewise attended to his private law practice and has prosecuted many pension and other claims against the United States government.

The Major was married on the 13th of December, 1883, to Adelia E. Wicker, and they have a pleasant and hospitable home in Urbana, where their circle of friends is extensive. They hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and the Major is a very prominent Mason, belonging to Harmony Lodge, No. 8, F. & A. M., Urbana Chapter, No. 34, R. & A. M., Urbana Council, R. & S. M., Draper Com-

mandery No. 19, K. T., and has taken the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, belonging to the Ohio Consistory at Cincinnati. He has been worshipful master of the lodge, high priest of the chapter and twice illustrious master of the council. In politics he has ever been an active Republican, having firm faith in the principles of the party, and doing everything in his power to promote its growth and secure its success. He was a delegate to the convention that nominated John C. Fremont in 1856 and has been a consistent Republican ever since, always taking an active interest in all public matters.

DANIEL J. HULL.

Champaign county figures as one of the most attractive, progressive and prosperous divisions of the state of Ohio, justly claiming a high order of citizenship and a spirit of enterprise which is certain to bring about steady development and marked advancement in the material upbuilding of the section. The county has been and is signally favored in the class of men who have controlled its affairs in official capacities, and in this connection the subject of this review demands representation as one who has served the county faithfully and well in positions of trust and responsibility. He is now filling the office of sheriff, to which he was elected on the Republican ticket by the vote of his fellow townsmen.

Mr. Hull was born on a farm in Union township, Champaign county, May 14, 1859, his parents, George and Mary Ann (Stout) Hull, both being natives of York county, Pennsylvania, where they were reared and married. In 1851 they came to this county and settled in Mechanicsburg, but about two years afterward removed to Salem town-

ship and subsequently to Union township, where their remaining days were passed. The father carried on agricultural pursuits, but was a blacksmith by trade and followed that occupation for a half century, abandoning it on account of failing eyesight. He met with a fair degree of success in business and bore the reputation of an honest and reliable man. In his political views he was a Republican, but never sought or desired office. Both he and his wife were devoted and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Her death occurred December 26, 1879, at the age of fifty-nine years, and the father long surviving her passed away at the age of eighty-four years and twenty-four days, on the 21st of July, 1901. In their family were nine children, but three of the number died in infancy. Those still living are: Louise C., the wife of John Sigman, of Mutual, Ohio; Dr. William H., of Kokomo, Indiana; Jesse E., of Gallatin, Missouri; George C., of Cushing, Payne county, Oklahoma; Daniel J.; and Winfield S., of Okmulgee, Indian Territory.

On the old family homestead Daniel J. Hull remained until twenty-one years of age. He was educated in the public schools and in the Northwestern Ohio Normal University at Ada, Ohio. On attaining his majority he entered the United States railway mail service on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad, being thus employed for three years. He afterward became a traveling salesman, representing the firm of Hackedorn, Baxter & Company, wholesale cracker manufacturers of Lima, Ohio. Later he was with the firm of Lewis, Fox & Company, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, wholesale cracker bakers and confectioners. Subsequently he represented the Standard Oil Company, for twelve years traveling in western Ohio from the lake to the Ohio river, and left the road when he went into public office. He was a popular and successful traveling man, known for his reliability in business and liked for his genial and courteous manner.

On the 31st of January, 1884, Mr. Hull was united in marriage to Miss Jennie C. Slechter, of Ada, Ohio, and unto them were born the following children: Harry B.; Claudine; Gladys, a bright and interesting child, who died at the of nine years; Dean; and Elizabeth Louise.

Mr. Hull has always been a stalwart Republican, doing all in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of his party. For several years he served as a member of the county central committee and was twice elected its chairman. He was never a candidate for public office until 1900, when his name was placed on the Republican ticket as the nominee for sheriff. Being elected, he entered upon the duties of the office, January 7, 1901, and is now filling the position most creditably. He is a member of Harmony Lodge, No. 8, F. & A. M.; Urbana Chapter, R. A. M.; and is identified with Mosgrove Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Launcelot Lodge, No. 107, K. P.; the Junior Order of American Mechanics; and Urbana Council, No. 139, United Commercial Travelers. A man of natural ability, he has won success in business, has gained a wide acquaintance among men, who esteem him for his genuine worth, and is justly regarded as one of the representative and prominent citizens of Champaign county.

SAMUEL W. HITT.

It is an important public duty to honor and perpetuate as far as possible the memory of an eminent citizen—one who by his blameless and honorable life and distinguished career reflected credit not only upon the city in which he made his home, but upon the state. Through such memorials as this an individual and the character of his services are kept

in remembrance, and the importance of those services acknowledged. His example, in whatever field his work may have been done, thus stands as an object lesson to those who come after him, and though dead he still speaks. Long after all recollection of his personality shall have faded from the minds of men, the less perishable record may tell the story of his life and commend his example for imitation. No man was ever more respected in Urbana or ever more fully enjoyed the confidence of the people than Samuel W. Hitt. For many years he was actively associated with mercantile interests in Urbana, and his efforts contributed not alone to his own prosperity, but also to the welfare and commercial activity of his city.

Mr. Hitt was born on a farm about one mile north of the city of Urbana, in the year 1817, his parents being Rev. Samuel and Ann (Smith) Hitt. About the year 1814, two brothers, Martin and Samuel Hitt, both Methodist ministers, came from Virginia and purchased a section of land, which they divided between them and most of which now lies within the present bounds of Urbana. Samuel Hitt was not only a pioneer settler of Champaign county, but also a pioneer Methodist minister in the county, and possessed many sterling qualities of heart and mind. His wife was a native of Maryland and was a woman of many graces. Samuel W. Hitt began his business career at the age of fifteen years, by accepting a clerical position in the general store then operated by John Reynolds, a pioneer merchant of Urbana. By dint of industry, integrity and remarkable talent for mercantile affairs, he rose to a high position and in the year 1852 purchased an interest in the business. About 1840 P. B. Ross had purchased an interest in the business and the firm style became John Reynolds & Company, which was changed to Ross, Hitt & Company on the admission of Mr. Hitt to a partnership. Upon the death of Mr. Reynolds in 1857, the name was changed to Ross & Hitt and in 1866, upon the retirement of the senior

partner, Mr. Hitt became sole proprietor. For a time he was alone and then admitted his brother-in-law, Mr. White, and his son-in-law, Mr. Mitchell, to an interest in the business, under the name of Hitt, White & Company. The successors of this firm were Hitt & Mitchell. The next change made the firm style Hitt, Fuller & Rhoads, and this was followed by Hitt & Fuller. In 1888 George W. Hitt, the son of our subject, and James R. Fuller, his son-in-law, together with Edward Rhoads, succeeded to the business and on the retirement of Mr. Rhoads in 1892 the style of the firm became Hitt & Fuller, and was maintained even after the death of Mr. Fuller. Since his demise Mr. Hitt has been manager and owner of the business, maintaining the high standard which has ever characterized the house. This store is the oldest in Urbana, having been established by Mr. Reynolds about 1806. Until after the war a general retail business was carried on. Butter, eggs, wool and country produce were purchased and a general line of merchandise was sold. However, a change was gradually made in the stock and for more than twenty years the store has been supplied only with a line of dry goods, notions, cloaks and carpets. Throughout the years of its existence, the management of the store has ever been along lines of conservatism, strict integrity and honesty. This system was inaugurated and strictly maintained by Samuel W. Hitt and has been continued by the present management. Samuel W. Hitt deserves more than passing notice in this connection. From the humble capacity of errand boy he gradually worked his way upward until he became a partner and then sole proprietor of the oldest and leading dry goods house of Urbana. His business methods were attended with gratifying success and moreover he enjoyed in an unqualified degree the highest confidence of his fellowmen, for his reputation in trade circles was unassailable.

In the year 1843 Samuel W. Hitt was united in marriage to Miss Sarah B., daughter of Joseph and Rebecca White, who were early set-

tlers and highly respected people of this community. When the First Methodist Episcopal church endeavored to erect a building, Mr. White mortgaged his property in order to aid in the enterprise. He was a native of this state and his wife of Pennsylvania. In 1836 he removed to Urbana, becoming a pioneer shoe manufacturer and dealer of this city. His life was ever honorable and upright, in perfect harmony with his Christian principles and at his death he left to his family an untarnished name. His children were Mrs. John Young, Mrs. F. W. Winston, Mrs. Malinda Smith, Joseph, and Mrs. Hitt. The last named was born near Glendale, in the vicinity of Cincinnati, April 9, 1834, and when only two years old was brought by her parents to Urbana, where she has since made her home. By her marriage she became the mother of five children, namely: Joseph, who was killed while in action at Atlanta, as a soldier in the Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry; Anna R., the widow of John T. Mitchell; George W.; Lizzie, the widow of James R. Fuller; and Mary, who married J. E. Burchard.

Mr. Hitt died April 20, 1892, in his seventy-sixth year, leaving a widow and four children to mourn his loss. Mrs. Hitt is yet living in Urbana and is uniformly respected for her many sterling qualities and Christian graces. She is identified through membership relations with the First Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Hitt was a worthy and honored member through many years, contributing liberally to its support, both of his time and money. For many years he served as chorister of the church and otherwise was an active Christian worker. He was generous and public spirited and aided largely in the upbuilding of Urbana. He is yet and for many years to come will be held in affectionate remembrance by his numerous friends, as well as by his immediate family.

George W. Hitt, son of the late Samuel W. Hitt, was born in Urbana, January 14, 1850, and educated in the schools of the city.

Early in life he entered the store of his father, under whom he received his business training. For more than ten years Mr. Hitt has been the active member of the dry goods firm of Hitt & Fuller, conducting the business with marked success and enterprise, and is to-day recognized as a leading and capable business man among merchants. He was married in 1878 to Miss Julia Van Meter and they have one son,—Joseph W. Mr. and Mrs. Hitt are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church and are prominent in social and Masonic circles.

PETER E. COLWELL.

From the age of thirteen years Peter E. Colwell depended entirely upon his own resources for a livelihood and well has he earned the proud American title of a self-made man. His diligence and persistency of purpose at length brought to him success, so that he is now enabled to live retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil. He makes his home in Mechanicsburg and is one of the native sons of Champaign county, his birth having occurred in Rush township, February 24, 1826. His father, John Colwell, was a native of New Jersey, and the grandfather also bore the name of John Colwell and was of Scotch-Irish descent. In the state of his nativity the father was reared and married the lady of his choice, Electa Hand, who was born in New Jersey and lived to be about seventy-six years of age, while Mr. Colwell died about July 29, 1829, being killed by a falling tree. On leaving his native state he removed to Pennsylvania, thence to Hamilton county, Ohio, and afterward came to Champaign county, settling about ten miles east of Urbana in Rush township. On selling that farm he removed to a place two miles east in the same township, his home being one mile

and a half south of what is now the village of Woodstock. Unto John and Electa Colwell were born ten children, of whom two died in infancy: Abram, Hannah and Azel are also deceased. Benjamin L., born September 11, 1815, now a resident near Wood River, Nebraska; Phebe, Mary and Charlotte have also passed away; John H., born July 29, 1824, is a prominent minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, now living in Champaign county, Illinois.

Peter E. Colwell, the youngest member of the family, spent his youth on the old home farm. He was only three and a half years of age at the time of his father's death and when a youth of thirteen began earning his own living by working as a farm hand by the month. He attended school to a limited extent in the winter seasons, pursuing his studies in a little log building with greased paper windows and slab seats. The plow which he used in breaking the new ground had a wooden mould-board and the other farm implements were equally as primitive. He worked by the month until his marriage, which occurred in 1845, when he was twenty years of age. The lady of his choice was Lucinda J. Rutan, who was born in Goshen township, Champaign county, April 4, 1825, a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Riddle) Rutan, who were early settlers of Champaign county. Her father entered land from the government in Goshen township and upon that farm Mrs. Colwell was born. The young couple began their domestic life upon a rented farm two miles north of Mechanicsburg, where they remained for a year. Later Mr. Colwell engaged in the operation of a farm one mile north of Mechanicsburg, making it his home for three years, when with the capital he had acquired through his own labors he bought a farm of one hundred and fifty acres four miles north of the town. When three years had passed, however, he sold that property and purchased another tract of land. He has been engaged in buying and selling farms, while the grocery, undertaking and furniture business

and other enterprises have also claimed his attention. In his various dealings he has so managed his affairs as to meet with creditable and gratifying success. He now owns seventy-five acres of good land near Mechanicsburg, and has been interested in the furniture and undertaking business, but of late years has retired from active connections.

Mr. and Mrs. Colwell have no children of their own, but reared two children. The girl whom they adopted, however, died at the age of thirteen years. The boy is now D. W. Rutan, a well known citizen of Champaign county. Mr. Colwell is an earnest and pronounced Republican and cast his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont. He has belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows since 1866 and is a loyal and devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is steward, while for a quarter of a century he has been trustee. He began life a poor boy, but with the assistance of his admirable wife, who has indeed proved a helpmate to him, he has worked his way steadily upward from a humble financial position to one of affluence.

C. A. BAKER.

C. A. Baker, who is now living retired, has through his own unaided efforts acquired a most comfortable competence. He is one of the oldest residents of Mechanicsburg, his birth having occurred in Dayton, Montgomery county, on the 8th of October, 1830. The family is of Dutch origin and was founded in America at a very early date. The paternal grandfather was a large landed proprietor of Virginia, where he owned three thousand acres and was regarded as one of the prominent and wealthy residents of his part of the state. Among his children was John Baker, the father of our subject. He was born in the

Old Dominion and was numbered among the pioneer residents of Dayton, Ohio. In 1830 he came to Mechanicsburg, where he made his home until called to his final rest on the 13th of February, 1841. For many years he served as justice of the peace, and his rulings were so fair and impartial that he won the high commendation of all concerned. By occupation he was a grocer and his well conducted store brought to him a good financial return. He strongly endorsed temperance principles and labored to promote the non-use of alcoholic beverages. He gave his political support to the Whig party, voted for William Henry Harrison in 1840 and was a warm admirer of Henry Clay. He was widely known as 'Squire Baker and was highly respected because of his genuine worth. In his religious views he was a Universalist and his life was so honorable and upright that he left to his family an untarnished name. He was twice married, his first union being with Miss Kirby, by whom he had a son and daughter, the latter being Charlotte, the wife of Dr. E. Owens, now deceased. She was eighty-two years of age in 1901. The son of the first marriage has passed away. His second marriage was with Ann M. Henderson, a native of Virginia, born in 1807. Her father, Charles Henderson, was also born in Virginia, and followed the occupation of farming. Mrs. Baker was called to her final rest in July, 1885, having survived her husband many years. By her marriage she became the mother of seven children, of whom our subject was the second in order of birth and the eldest son. His brothers and sisters were: Margaret A., now deceased; Amelia J., the widow of Benjamin Taylow, Sarah J. Ewing, of Mechanicsburg; Robert B. H., also of Mechanicsburg: Joseph, who has passed away; and one who died in infancy.

C. A. Baker, of this review, was about two years old when brought to Champaign county by his parents. He was reared in Mechanicsburg and educated in the public schools and at the age of sixteen years began

learning the tailor's trade, completing his apprenticeship in Piqua, Ohio, in 1848. He then returned to Mechanicsburg and continued his education for a year with Professor Henkle and Mr. Wilson. In 1849, however, he turned his attention to the grocery trade in Mechanicsburg, following that pursuit for about a year. In 1850 he went to Milford Center, where he engaged in the tailoring business for a year, on the expiration of that period returning to Mechanicsburg, where he again established a grocery and also conducted a clothing business in connection with J. P. Smith, now deceased. He was thus an active factor in business circles in this place until about 1853, when he purchased two farms, comprising three hundred and forty acres. Locating upon his land he carried on agricultural pursuits for thirteen years and on the expiration of that period sold out and in August, 1867, once more took up his abode in Mechanicsburg, which has been his home continuously since. For some years he engaged in buying and selling stock, but is now living retired in the enjoyment of a well earned rest.

On the 24th of April, 1853, Mr. Baker was united in marriage to Miss Jane Fullington, a native of Union county, Ohio, whose father was a large land owner in both Union and Mason counties. Mrs. Baker is the eldest of four children and was reared in the county of her nativity. She reached the age of seventy-eight years on the 4th of January, 1901, but is now suffering from ill-health, having been stricken with paralysis November 23, 1901. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Baker have been born three children: Abbie, who became the wife of Charles Frary, of Chicago, and died, leaving one son, Herbert B., a resident of Cleveland, Ohio; Walter S., who first married Laura Kates and afterward wedded Lillian Stacy, by whom he has one daughter, Abbie J.; and Charles, who died when about one year old.

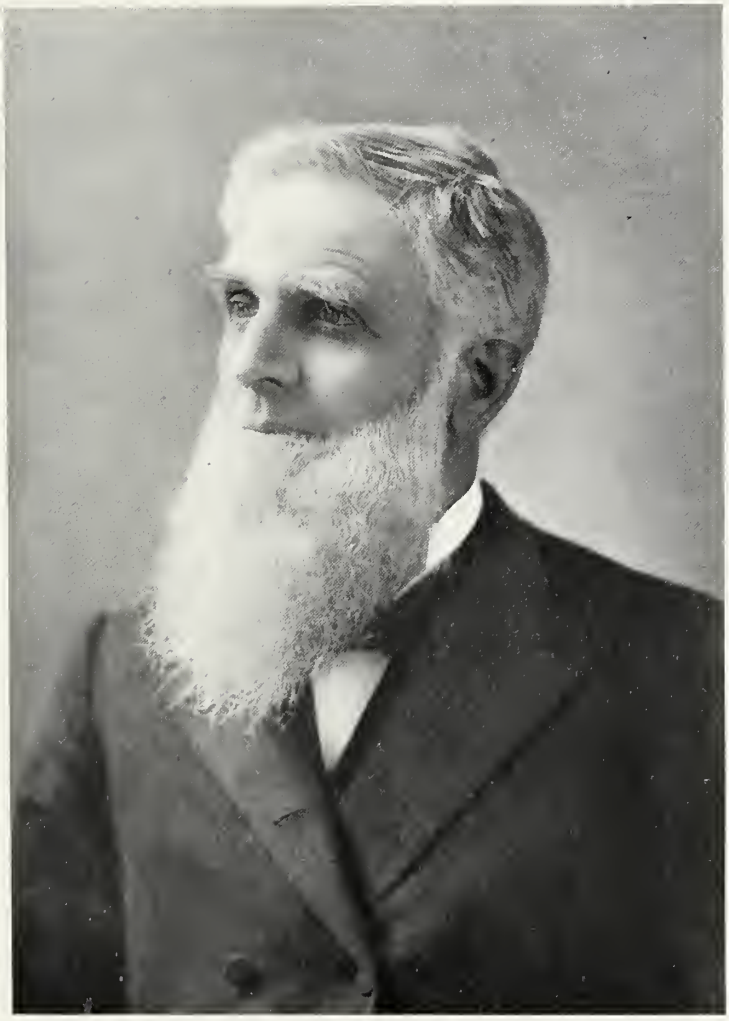
In his political views Mr. Baker is a stanch Republican and has filled the office of justice of the peace, yet has never been a politician

in the sense of office-seeking. He is a prominent Mason, who has attained the Knight Templar degree, belonging to Raper Commandery, No. 19, at Urbana. He has been a lifelong member of the Methodist Episcopal church and he believes in the final salvation of all mankind. With one exception he is the oldest resident of Mechanicsburg. Through many years he has been a witness of the growth and development of this county and has ever taken a deep interest in its progress and improvement, his own efforts contributing in no small measure to that end. Throughout his long business career his course was ever one of honor and industry, perseverance and keen sagacity being numbered among his strong characteristics and proving potent elements in winning him success.

ORVILLE NOBLE.

The old Bay state of Massachusetts, where was cradled so much of our national history, figures as the native place of this venerable and honored citizen of Urbana, where he has maintained his home for nearly half a century, having been actively identified with its business activities for many years, and finally retiring to that dignified repose and surcease of active labor which constitute the just reward of earnest and honest endeavor. As the shadows of his life lengthen he can look back with satisfaction upon the exertions of past years and rejoice in the prosperity which has attended his efforts and enabled him to crown his days with peace and restful calm, "far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife."

Orville Noble was born in the village of Russell, Hampden county, Massachusetts, on the 2d of January, 1821, being, in both the paternal and maternal lines, a representative of old and honored families of this



Orville Noble

colonial commonwealth. In the agnatic line the family is of English derivation, and the original American ancestor came from the "tight little isle" and settled in Massachusetts in the early colonial epoch. The parents of our subject were Reuben and Cynthia (Gowdy) Noble, and both were born in Massachusetts, where they passed their entire lives, becoming the parents of two sons and three daughters, all of whom are deceased with the exception of the subject of this review. Silas Noble, grandfather of our subject, was a man of prominence in his day and was one of the influential citizens of Hampden county, Massachusetts. He had five sons and two daughters and his descendants are to be found in diverse sections of the Union. Our subject was reared to the age of six years in his native town and then the family removed to Granville, in the same county, and that place continued to be his home until his removal to Urbana, Ohio, in 1856. Having availed himself of such advantages as were afforded by the common schools of Granville, he supplemented this discipline by a course of study in an excellently conducted select school in Springfield, Massachusetts. That he duly profited by his scholastic advantages is evident from the fact that he qualified himself for pedagogic work, becoming a teacher at the age of twenty-one years and following this vocation with gratifying success for a period of eight years thereafter.

In the town of Granville, Massachusetts, in the year 1846, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Noble to Miss Caroline A. Bates, a member of a prominent family of that state. She accompanied him on his removal to Urbana and here passed the residue of her life, proving a devoted companion and helpmeet to her husband, sharing in his joys and sorrows, aiding and encouraging him in his efforts and walking by his side down the checkered pathway of life for more than half a century, when the veil was lifted to gain the new glory of a gentle and noble life, death setting its seal upon her mortal lips on the 14th

of November, 1899. They became the parents of one child, Mary A., who is now the wife of William M. Rock, of Urbana, and who accords to her father the utmost filial solicitude. Upon his arrival in Urbana Mr. Noble engaged in the garden-seed business, in which he successfully continued for a period of thirteen years, while he also became interested in agricultural enterprises and other ventures which rendered him good returns, enabling him to secure a competency for the declining years of his life. He is the owner of a good farm in Salem township and has an attractive residence property in the city of Urbana, where he continues to make his home, honored as one of the venerable and sterling citizens of the county and having the solace conferred by many and warm friendships.

In politics Mr. Noble originally gave his support to the Whig party, but upon the organization of the Republican party transferred his support to the same, though he has never been active in political maneuvers and has never sought public office. He has long been a devoted member of the Presbyterian church, as was also his wife, whose life was in harmony with the faith which she professed. Fraternally our subject has long held membership in the Masonic order, being a member of Harmony Lodge, F. & A. M.; R. A. M.; and Raper Commandery, No. 19, Knights Templar, of which he was recorder for nine years.

FRED NEER.

Fred Neer is one of the progressive, wide-awake and enterprising men of Mechanicsburg, where he is conducting a creamery. He was born in Clark county, Ohio, November 22, 1864, and is a brother of J. S. Neer. He was the fifth child in his father's family and like the

others of the household pursued his early education in the district schools, later continuing his studies in the high school of Mechanicsburg. He was only four years of age when brought by his parents to this county and remained with his father upon the old farm homestead until he had attained his majority, assisting in the labors of the field. When nineteen years of age he began teaching school, following that profession for ten years in Union and Champaign counties. For two years he was a teacher in the Milford Center high school and assistant principal at that place. In his educational work he displayed marked zeal and his own interest was an inspiration to his pupils. In 1894 he pursued a course in pharmacy in Ada, Ohio, and afterward engaged in clerking in a drug store at Milford Center, where he worked for about two years. In 1896 he came to Mechanicsburg, where he engaged in the grocery business in partnership with J. E. Whittemore, there remaining three years. On the expiration of that period they dissolved partnership and Mr. Neer turned his attention to the creamery business in connection with D. McCreery & Son, who are now located in Urbana. He was associated with them while they were at Milford Center for a period of about one year and in 1898 embarked in the creamery business at Mechanicsburg, his enterprise being known as the Mechanicsburg Creamery. His plant cost about three thousand dollars and is one of the best in the state for the purpose. The capacity is about seven hundred pounds of butter per day and the product is of such excellent quality that it finds a ready sale on the market.

In 1886 Mr. Neer was united in marriage to Miss Sallie Wilson, a daughter of William and Minerva Wilson. Her father served for four and one-half years in the war of the Rebellion and died soon after his return from the army. In his family were four children, two sons and two daughters, of whom Mrs. Neer was the eldest. She was born in Milford Center, Union county, and is a graduate of the high school

of Mechanicsburg. For two years she engaged in teaching in Goshen township, Champaign county, and is a lady of culture and refinement. The marriage of our subject and his wife has been blessed with two children: Lois E., and Reed B.

Mr. Neer exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party. He is president of the school board of Mechanicsburg and has always taken an active interest in educational matters, exercising his franchise prerogatives in support of all movements and measures that he believes will promote the intellectual advancement of his community. Socially he is identified with the Knight of Pythias order and has filled all of the chairs therein. He is a member of the Methodist Protestant church and is well known in business circles as a man of responsibility and energy, who has placed dependence not upon fortunate circumstances, but upon unremitting labor and sound judgment.

ELIJAH HANNA.

For many years Elijah Hanna was a prominent figure in the annals of Champaign county, and aided materially in its development. By a life of uprightness, industry and honorable dealing,—a life devoted to the support of whatever was good and true,—he won the admiration and genuine regard of a large circle of acquaintances, who sincerely mourned his loss when he was called upon to lay aside the burdens, joys and sorrows which had fallen to his share, as to all, in the journey of life.

Mr. Hanna was born on the 7th of May, 1824, in Nicholas county, West Virginia, of which locality his parents, Nathan and Alice (McCoy) Hanna, were also natives. The father was a farmer by occupation and both he and his wife died in the state of their birth. Their son Elijah, who

was the youngest son of their twelve children, six sons and six daughters, came to Champaign county, Ohio, in 1844, when about twenty years of age, and as he was without means began his career in this state as a farm laborer. He subsequently located on the farm on which his widow now resides, purchasing the same from his father-in-law. Mr. Hanna was first married to Emily J. Haller, a daughter of William Haller, and of their three children, only one, William, who makes his home in Iowa, is now living. Mrs. Hanna passed to the home beyond on the 3d of July, 1860. For his second wife our subject chose Miss Mary Arrowsmith, who was born in Concord township, Champaign county, December 15, 1834. Her father, Mason Arrowsmith, was born in Mad River township, this county, January 16, 1806, on the farm on which Mrs. Hanna now resides, and was there reared to mature years, receiving his education in the primitive log school house of the neighborhood. In the township of his birth he was married to Miss Margaret Rock, who was born in Concord township in 1819, a daughter of Felix and Mary (Kelley) Rock, early pioneers of Champaign county. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Hanna, Ezekiel Arrowsmith, was born in Maryland, but subsequently located in Mason county, Kentucky, where he was married to Elizabeth Kenton. In 1801 they came to Champaign county, Ohio, locating on the farm on which Mrs. Hanna now resides, but at that time it was an unbroken forest. He erected one of the first cabins and was one of the first settlers in Champaign county, at that time there being no other white settlers nearer than Sandusky or Toledo on the north. Mr. and Mrs. Mason Arrowsmith became the parents of seven children, four still living,—Mary, Holly, George and Margaret. The last named is the wife of Aten Allen, of Los Angeles, California. The father of this family was first a Whig and later a Republican in his political views, and the mother was a member of the Methodist church.

Mrs. Hanna, the eldest daughter and second child in the above family, was educated in the district schools of Mad River township, the school house having been located on the dividing line between that and Concord townships. On the 25th of March, 1862, she gave her hand in marriage to Elijah Hanna, and they became the parents of four children,—Charles S., Frank M., Edgar B. and Laura L. The first born is now deceased, and the three surviving ones are still at home. With her children Mrs. Hanna resides on a fine farm of two hundred acres, the work of which is carried on by her sons. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and of that denomination her husband was also a worthy and valued member. In that faith he passed to his final reward on the 23rd of September, 1901. He was a kind and loving husband and father, sympathetic and responsive to the needs of the poor and just and noble in all the relations of life.

ABRAHAM P. LOUDENBACK.

No citizen of Mad River township, Champaign county, is more widely known or highly regarded than Abraham P. Loudenback. Of a sterling pioneer family, of sturdy German ancestry, he and his relatives have been prominent in the development and maintenance of this county, always being safely counted upon to indorse and support to the extent of their ability every good work, movement and enterprise.

Mr. Loudenback is a native of Mad River township, his birth having here occurred on the 9th of November, 1845. His grandfather, Daniel Loudenback, was a native of Virginia, and both the latter's paternal and maternal grandparents came to this country from Germany, taking up their abode in the Old Dominion. In a very early day Daniel

Loudenback came to Champaign county, Ohio, locating in the dense woods of Mad River township. He was a farmer and blacksmith by occupation and became one of the most prominent citizens of his locality. His life's labors were ended in death when he reached the age of eighty-nine years and seven months, passing away in the faith of the Baptist church, of which he was long a worthy and consistent member, having assisted in the organization of the church in Mad River township. During the war of 1812 he entered the ranks as a private and nobly served his country until the close of the struggle. Allen Loudenback, the father of our subject, was also a native son of Mad River township, and here he spent his entire life, his death having occurred at the age of sixty-nine years. Throughout his entire life he was prominently identified with the growth and development of the locality, and was a farmer, miller and merchant by occupation. His political support was given to the Democracy, and for a number of years he served as trustee of his township, and religiously he, too, was an active and valued member of the Baptist church, his membership being with the denomination at Nettle Creek. As a companion on the journey of life he chose Elizabeth Keplinger, a native of Clark county, Ohio, and a daughter of Daniel Keplinger, who claimed Virginia as the state of his nativity, but was numbered among the early pioneers of Clark county. He was also of German descent, and as a means of livelihood followed the tilling of the soil. Mrs. Loudenback was called to her final rest at the age of sixty years. Unto this worthy couple were born ten children, six sons and four daughters, of whom our subject was the third son in order of birth.

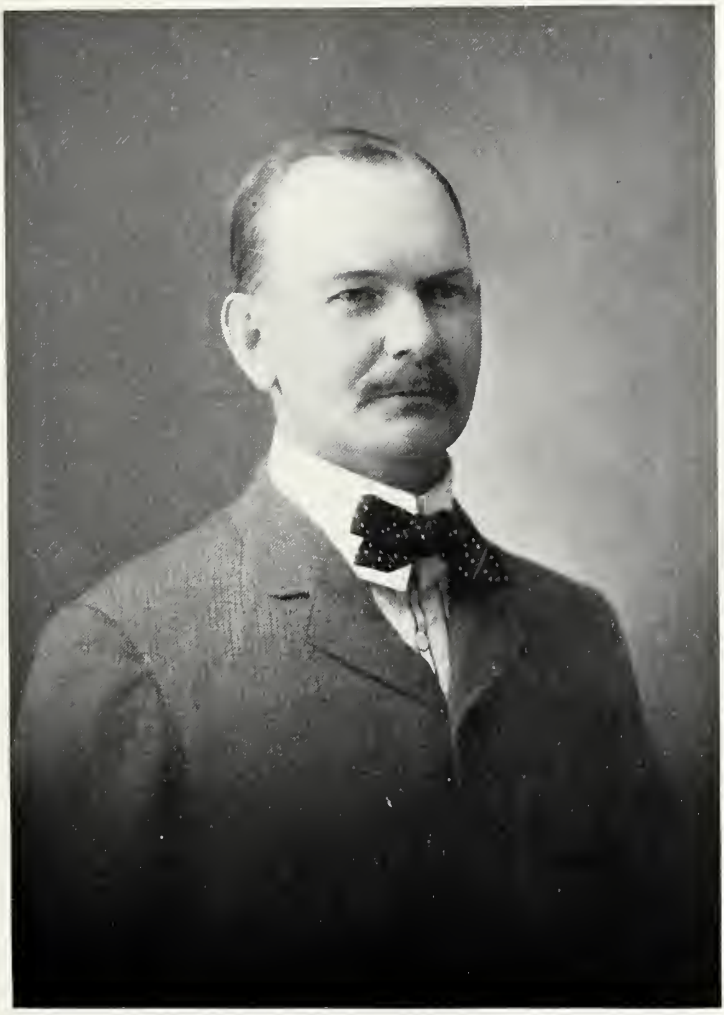
Abraham P. Loudenback passed his boyhood days on his father's farm, and his early education was such as the district schools afforded. After his marriage he located on the farm where he still resides, his place consisting of one hundred and sixty acres of well improved land,

where he is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, and has made a specialty of the latter industry. Numerous and substantial improvements have been instituted by the progressive owner, and by honest industry and careful management he has succeeded in winning a handsome competence for his declining years. A lifelong Democrat, he has ever given an active and intelligent support to the principles of that party, and for a number of years efficiently filled the office of school director.

The marriage of Mr. Loudenback was celebrated in 1867, when Miss Sarah Chaple became his wife. She is a native of England, as were also her parents, William and Elizabeth Chaple. When she was but a year and a half old she was brought by her parents to America, the family locating in Boston, Massachusetts, where she remained until six years of age, and was then brought to Urbana. Her father was a carpenter and cabinet-maker by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Loudenback have four sons,—Arthur, Royal, Clifford and Paul, all at home. Mr. Loudenback is a member of the Baptist church of Urbana, and is active and enthusiastic in church work. He is loyal in his support of all measures calculated to benefit the community or the general public, and in the locality where his entire life has been passed he is honored and respected by all.

MORTON M. SNODGRASS.

From out a childhood heavy with responsibility, and brightened by few of the helpful and encouraging smiles of fortune, Morton M. Snodgrass, one of the well known grocers of Mechanicsburg, has evolved a thrifty business and good name and gained a fair competence. In this town, which claims him as an honored citizen, he was born June 23, 1861,



M. M. Snodgrass

and the Civil war then thundering at the gates of peace brought desolation and loss into the humble home where there were four other sons and two daughters. The father, Henry Milton Snodgrass, left his native state of Virginia when a young man, and after settling in Champaign county married Amanda Shepherd, a native of this section and daughter of Joshua Shepherd, one of the early pioneers of Champaign county. The elder Snodgrass was a blacksmith by trade, and with his country's need of strong men exchanged his musical anvil for the deadly armament of war. As a soldier in Company I, Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, he served until the memorable battle of Lookout Mountain, from which field of carnage he was conveyed wounded to a hospital in Philadelphia, where his death occurred in 1863. He was brought home for burial, and almost immediately want and deprivation settled over the hitherto happy home.

With the other children in the family Morton M. Snodgrass was introduced to labor as soon as his growing strength permitted, and his opportunities for acquiring an education were hampered by the necessity of providing his share towards the family maintenance. Nevertheless, in his environment of work he gained much that the schools cannot give, and at the age of fourteen had a fund of common sense of invaluable use in his capacity as an employe in a hardware establishment in Mechanicsburg. At the end of six years he resolved to try his luck in Wisconsin, where he remained for three years as a clerk for a large lumbering concern. Upon returning to this town he embarked in a small way in the grocery business, and his honest methods and fair treatment of the public have won a deserved patronage. His experience in his chosen occupation was acquired first as a clerk, and during the four years in this position he learned the business from the bottom up.

In 1883 Mr. Snodgrass married Anna Williams, and of this union there has been a son and daughter, the latter of whom is deceased. Mr.

Snodgrass is a Republican in political affiliation, but has so devotedly attended to business that no thought of political honors have entered into his calculations. Fraternally he is associated with the Royal Arch Masons and with the Knights of Pythias. He is also a stockholder and director in the Central Bank. In April, 1902, he was elected president of the board of education after having served for three years as a member of the board.

SAMUEL M. MOSGROVE, M. D.

As a successful practitioner Dr. Samuel M. Mosgrove has gained advancement in the prosecution of his chosen profession and has a large clientage, which is an indication of his superior skill and ability. He was born in Urbana, Ohio, August 4, 1851, his parents being John A. and Elizabeth (Milier) Mosgrove, who were also natives of Urbana, the father's birth having occurred here in 1818. He was a son of Adam Mosgrove, a pioneer physician of the city and thus through many years the family has been closely associated with this line of business, contributing to the general welfare. The father of our subject was a commission merchant, carrying on business here for a long period and in his undertakings he prospered, owing to his keen sagacity, marked enterprise and unflagging industry. He bought and handled grain on an extensive scale and also dealt largely in wool, becoming widely known as a prosperous and enterprising business man. His political support was given the Republican party, but he never sought the rewards of office in recogniton of party fealty. Prior to his marriage he spent several years in Illinois, Michigan and other western states, where he purchased cattle, driving them east to the Pittsburg markets. His business reputation was unassailable and it was known that his integrity made

his word as good as any bond that was ever solemnized by signature or seal. He wedded Elizabeth Miller, who was born in Urbana, July 30, 1825, and is still residing in this city, having here made her home not only through her entire married life, but also since her husband's death, which occurred in 1888. She was a daughter of Samuel Miller, a pioneer merchant of Urbana, and a most successful business man. He died, however, at a comparatively early age of about forty-seven. By her marriage Mrs. Mosgrove became the mother of six children, but three of the number died in childhood. Those still living are Mrs. Fannie Bacon, of Indianapolis; Samuel M.; and Emma, who resides with her mother.

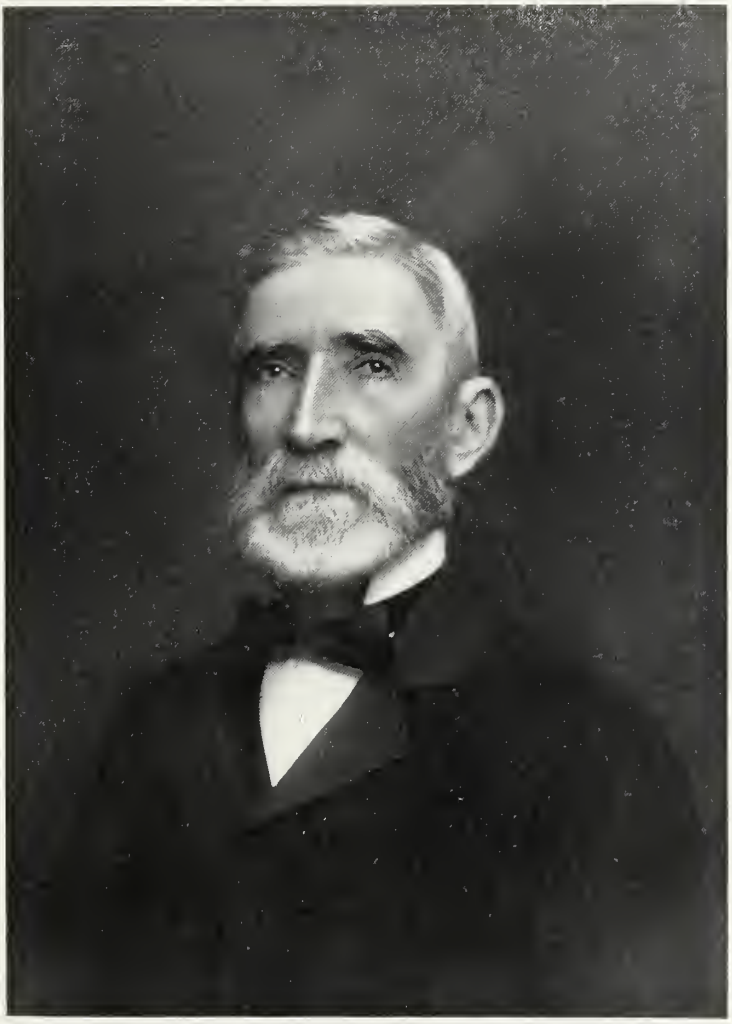
The Doctor was educated in the public schools and in the Swedenborgian College in Urbana and with a broad literary knowledge to serve as the foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of professional learning, he took up the study of medicine when eighteen years of age under the direction of Dr. James M. Mosgrove, his uncle, a practicing physician of Urbana. Later he entered the Miami Medical College of Cincinnati, in which he was graduated with the class of 1872 and after practicing for a few months in Urbana, he matriculated in the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, of New York City, where he was graduated in 1873. Since then he has been actively connected with the profession here. He is a member of the Ohio State Medical Society and the National American Medical Association. He has strict regard for the ethics of his profession and anything that tends to bring to mind the key to that complex mystery which we call life elicits the deep interest and cooperation of Dr. Mosgrove.

In his political views the Doctor is a Republican and has been honored with public offices, serving as health officer, also as county coroner for three terms, while for eight years he was a member of the pension board. Still higher official honors awaited him, for in 1893 he was elected

to the state senate, where he served for one term, representing Champaign, Clark and Madison counties. He is the author of Mosgrove's Medical Bill, requiring the registration of physicians. Socially he is a Mason and he also belongs to Mosgrove Lodge, I. O. O. F., which was named in honor of his father. He served as surgeon of the Seventh Regiment, Ohio National Guards, and holds membership in the Episcopal church. In the year 1891 the Doctor was united in marriage to Miss Nannie Fisher, of Cincinnati, and they have two children, Louise and John. The Doctor is not so abnormally developed in any direction as to be called a genius, but has manifested deep interest in the various departments of activity, which go to make up the sum of life. He is devoted to his family and friends and is a valued factor in fraternal circles. His political activity has reflected honor upon the party of his choice and in his profession he has won distinction. Honored and respected in every class of society he has for some time been a leader in thought and action on the public life of county and state and his career adds lustre to the history of this portion of Ohio.

ROBERT SANDERS.

It is with satisfaction that the biographer adverts to the life history of one who has attained the maximum of success in any vocation to which he has directed his thought and effort, whether it be one of calm but consecutive endeavor or of meteoric accomplishment, and such a life must ever offer both lesson and incentive. The subject of this review is a native of that fair land of hills and heather, bonnie Scotland, and that in his character abide those sterling traits which mark the individuality of the Scottish type is manifest when we come to consider the



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more salient points in his life history, which has been one marked by constant application, invincible spirit, sturdy loyalty and unwavering honor,—attributes which have most naturally eventuated in securing to him a high place in the respect and esteem of his fellow men and in the attainment of a definite and worthy success in connection with the practical activities of life. He is known as one of the representative citizens and business men of the progressive city of Urbana, Champaign county, where he has maintained his home for nearly half a century and where he has been consecutively identified with an industrial enterprise of no secondary scope and importance. He has achieved success through his own efforts, and now, as the shadows of his life begin to lengthen, he rests secure in the confidence and good will of those who know him and in the tangible rewards of honest toil and endeavor protracted over the course of many years.

Mr. Sanders is a native of Linlithgow, Scotland, where he was born on the 24th of January, 1826, being the son of Robert and Elizabeth (Forgie) Sanders, who passed their entire lives in Scotland. There the father of our subject followed the vocation of a glue manufacturer, and this fact had unmistakable influence in shaping the future career of his son and namesake, who learned the business in all its details, becoming identified with the same when but twelve years of age, so that it may be inferred that his early educational advantages were somewhat limited in scope.

In 1849, at the age of twenty-three years, Mr. Sanders severed the ties which bound him to home and native land, and valiantly set forth to seek his fortunes in America. He first located in Chillicothe, Ohio, where he remained two years, having there built and supervised the operation of a glue factory, which was owned by Alexander Fraser. Thence he proceeded to the city of Columbus, where he was identified with the same line of enterprise about one and one-half years, and in

1853 he came to Urbana, which has since been his home and the field of his honorable and successful business operations. Here he became associated with Messrs. Moore and Mosgrove in the establishing of a glue factory, the three being thus concerned in the enterprise for a period of two years, at the expiration of which our subject became the sole proprietor, and thereafter continued the business until 1900, when he ceased the manufacture of glue, but continued the production of soap, which had been made an important adjunct of the enterprise a score of years ago. The present factory, which is finely equipped was erected in 1884, and here Mr. Sanders continues to give his personal attention to the business, through the medium of which he has attained a competency, while the undertaking has been of signal benefit in connection with the industrial activities of the city. The enterprise had a modest inception, but correct methods of business and careful management have brought in their train a consecutive growth, and the attending results have been most gratifying from every standpoint. In 1885 Mr. Sanders completed the erection of his handsome brick residence in College Way, the same being one of the most attractive homes in the city.

In his political allegiance Mr. Sanders is arrayed with the Republican party, but has never had time or inclination to enter the domain of public life in any official capacity. More than half a century ago, on the 26th of February, 1850, while still a resident of Scotland, Mr. Sanders became a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he still retains his vital interest in the affairs of this fraternity, being an honored member of Urbana Lodge, No. 46, in Urbana.

Mr. Sanders has been twice married. In 1853 Maria Andover became his wife, she having been born in America, of Scotch ancestry, and her death occurred in 1869, there having been no issue of this union. In 1871 Mr. Sanders was united in marriage to Miss Christina

McDonald, who was born in Scotland, whence she accompanied her parents on their emigration to America, the family locating in Chillicothe, Ohio. Our subject and his wife are both devoted members of the Presbyterian church, taking an active interest in its work. To them were born two daughters: Jessie, who died in infancy; and Olive May, who is the wife of Charles Ernest Affeld, of Chicago.

JOSEPH K. MAST.

From pioneer times down to the present, Joseph K. Mast has been a witness of the growth and improvement of his county, and has taken an active interest in everything pertaining to its welfare. He now resides in section 14, Salem township, and his birth occurred in a log cabin upon this farm on the 30th of March, 1834, his parents being John and Elizabeth (Trago) Mast, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The paternal grandfather, Jacob Mast, was born in Switzerland and when a young man crossed the briny deep to the new world, taking up his abode in the Keystone state, where he followed the occupation of farming. John Mast, the father of our subject, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and after arriving at years of maturity was married there in 1832 to Miss Elizabeth Brook, whose birth also occurred in that state and who was of Pennsylvania German lineage. They came to Champaign county and upon a farm in Salem township Mr. Mast took up his abode. The land was then largely wild and unimproved, but by resolute purpose and determined will, together with unfaltering industry, he soon transformed his farm into a rich and arable tract. His political support was given the Whig party until the organization of the new Republican party, when he joined its ranks and

continued one of its supporters until his death. For many years he served as a member of the school board and the cause of education found in him a warm friend. He was also a helpful and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, doing all in his power to promote its growth and upbuilding and also working earnestly in the Sunday-school. He died in Salem township in the seventy-sixth year of his age. In his family were eight children, five sons and three daughters, all of whom reached mature years, while five are still living, Mr. Mast of this review being the third son and sixth child in order of birth.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Mr. Mast in his youth. He was reared upon the old farm where he yet resides and at the usual age entered the district schools, where he mastered the common branches of learning, while later he spent two terms as a student in Delaware. Since old enough to handle the plow he began work in the fields and assisted in the work of the farm until his marriage, becoming familiar with all the labors which constitute agricultural life. He was married in November, 1856, the lady of his choice being Katherine Eichholtz, a native of Pennsylvania, whence she came to Champaign county during her early girlhood in company with her parents. Her death occurred in 1883. They were the parents of eight children, John, now deceased; Charlie, who married Mary Swisher; Frank, who married Malinda Instine; Emma, the wife of John Strasser; Elizabeth, the wife of Clark McIeterff; Altha, at home; Clara, a teacher in the high school of Urbana; Cicero, at home; and Iva, who is pursuing her education in Delaware.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Mast located upon the old home farm where he still resides. He has made excellent improvements upon the place, including the erection of his present large brick residence, which was built in 1877. He now owns one hundred acres of land and at one time was the owner of three hundred and fifty acres, but has to

some extent retired from business, and now rents his land. He has also carried on agricultural pursuits and owns an interest in the agricultural implement business in Springfield, Ohio. His trade relations have ever been characterized by strict integrity and fair dealing. He is a member of the Grace Methodist church, is serving as one of its trustees and is deeply interested in all measures that tend to uplift mankind and to develop upright character. He votes with the Prohibition party, having always been a strong temperance man. His entire life has been passed in Salem township and those who have known him from boyhood know that his career has been an upright and honorable one and worthy of the highest regard.

G. R. KISER.

G. R. Kiser was born in Shelby county, Ohio, December 10, 1829. His father, Nicholas Kiser, was a native of Tennessee and was there reared and educated. After his marriage he located in Shelby county, where he followed the blacksmith's trade. He was a lifelong Democrat, earnest and unflinching in his advocacy of the principles of that party. He died in the sixty-fourth year of his age. His wife, Margaret Kiser, was a native of Pennsylvania, and with her parents removed to Clark county, Ohio. She died in her eightieth year. Her father, John Kiser, was a native of the Keystone state and was one of the pioneer settlers of Clark county, Ohio. Unto the parents of our subject were born thirteen children, eight sons and five daughters, all of whom reached years of maturity but one, while ten of the number were married.

G. R. Kiser was the seventh child and fourth son and in Shelby county was reared until sixteen years of age, when he started out to

make his own way in the world. He had a poor suit of clothes and a dollar and a half in money. He worked about a month as a farm hand, receiving eight dollars for his first month's wages and nine dollars per month throughout the remainder of the summer. He afterward operated a sawmill for several years in the employ of others and was thus engaged until about twenty-two years of age, when, with the capital he had acquired through his own labors, he bought a steam sawmill, conducting it until 1864. He was in Adams township, Champaign county, buying, selling and shipping stock. In 1855 he shipped the first hogs to New York ever sent from Saint Paris and was the first shipper to transport his stock on a railroad. In all his business undertakings he prospered, owing to his carefully directed efforts and unfaltering industry. In 1866 he removed to Saint Paris, where he remained for nine years, and in 1875 again took up his abode upon a farm, near Millerstown. Once more, however, he came to Saint Paris in the spring of 1886, and is now living a retired life, having in the meantime acquired a handsome competence. As his financial resources increased he has made judicious investments in real estate and now has about twelve hundred acres of land, two hundred of which lie in Shelby county. His property is divided into seven farms and all has been accumulated through his own efforts.

In December, 1856, Mr. Kiser was united in marriage to Margaret McVay, who was born in Butler county, Ohio, a daughter of William and Susan (Stockton) McVay. The former was a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of New York. In their family were eight children, three sons and five daughters, Mrs. Kiser being the sixth child and third daughter. She was reared in Shelby county, going there with her parents during her early girlhood. By her marriage she has become the mother of two children: John William and Mary Belle, who are twins. John W., who went to Chicago in 1889, has been a leading

business man there since that time. He was first in the sewing machine business, then in the bicycle business and is now a member of the Phenix Horseshoe Company. He has made a fortune in Chicago. He married Theresa W. Furrow, and they have had two children: Riley C. and John F., who was accidentally killed April 29, 1902. Mr. Kiser has been a member of the city council for two terms. He has justly won the proud American title of self-made man and as the architect of his own fortunes has builded wisely and well. Starting out in life at the age of sixteen years he has depended entirely upon his own resources and his efforts have been directed along the lines of labor leading to prosperity.

DR. A. B. PEARCE.

Dr. A. B. Pearce, whose success as a medical practitioner is indicated by his large patronage, resides in section 15, Salem township, Champaign county. He was born in Goshen township, of this county, on the 8th of October, 1836. His father, Harvey C. Pearce, was the first white child born in Urbana, his natal day being January 20, 1805. His father was Thomas Pearce, a native of Virginia, who came to Champaign county in pioneer days and aided in the early development and progress of the county. He owned a section of land adjoining Urbana, securing his farm from the government. His labors resulted in reclaiming the land for the purpose of civilization. As the years passed his fields became very productive. He lived to be more than eighty years of age. His son, Harvey C. Pearce, was reared in this county, pursuing his education in a log school house, such as were common at that day. After arriving at years of maturity he married Beulah Barrette, who was born in Union township, Champaign county, in 1807, and was

there reared. Her father, Abner Barrette, was born in Kentucky and came to this county at a very early period in its development. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Pearce located in Union township, where they remained until about 1863. The father died in his eighty-seventh year and the mother passed away in her seventy-sixth year. In their family were seven children, six sons and one daughter, as follows: H. C., who is a practicing physician of Urbana; L. E., who was also a member of the medical fraternity and died in Onarga, Illinois; A. B., of this review; John W., a business man of Chicago, Illinois; Richard S., of Urbana; Mary E., now deceased; and one who died in infancy.

Dr. Pearce of this review is the third child and was reared in Union township, his early education being acquired in the district schools near his home. Later he attended the Urbana high school, in which he was graduated when about twenty-two years of age. He afterward engaged in teaching school for four years and during the summer months devoted his time to the mastery of the principles of medical science. He then entered the Starling Medical College at Columbus, and was graduated in 1863, locating for practice at Kings Creek, where he remained for fourteen years. He was also engaged in practice for six years in Urbana, and spent a similar period in Vincennes, Indiana, whence he came to his present home in Salem township in 1891. Here he has remained continuously since and his attention is given to his professional duties, which make heavy demands upon his time.

On the 17th of September, 1867, Dr. Pearce was united in marriage to Miss Ella Sheperd, a native of Montgomery county, Ohio, whence she removed to Clark county. Her parents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Grimes) Sheperd, had a family of four daughters: Effie C., the wife of M. S. Seaton, of Salem township; Minnie M., the wife of Rufus Detwiller, of Urbana; Mattie L., who is engaged in teaching in Nine-

celheltcer; and Jessie, who is also a teacher. They also lost one son, who died in infancy.

Dr. Pearce is a member of the Champaign County Medical Society and always keeps abreast with the progress of the times, especially along the line of his profession. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Kings Creek Lodge, and is also identified with W. A. Brand Post, G. A. R., of Urbana, being entitled to membership therein because of his military service in the Civil war. In May, 1864, he enlisted for one hundred days, entering the army as a private, but being made surgeon of his regiment. In politics he is a stanch Republican, unswerving in his allegiance to the party and its principles and in religious faith is a Methodist, serving as trustee of the church to which he belongs and in the work of which he takes an active part. He is a valued representative of an honored pioneer family of Champaign county, which through an entire century has been represented in this portion of the state, its members taking a very active and creditable part in the work of improvement, progress and upbuilding.

WILLIAM M. GEHMAN.

The life record of William M. Gehman is deserving of a prominent place in the history of Champaign county. He has represented his county in the state legislature, has been actively connected with educational interests and is also known as a progressive farmer. His connection with all these important departments of life has made him a valued citizen and at all times he has commanded uniform confidence and respect by his loyalty to public duty and his liberality in all life's relations. He resides in section 16, Salem township, and it was upon

this farm that he was born, October 22, 1852. His father, B. W. Gehman was a native of Pennsylvania, while the grandfather, Benjamin Gehman, was born in Hanover, Germany, where he spent the days of his boyhood and youth, coming to America when a young man. He then located near Reading, Pennsylvania, where he followed the occupation of farming. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-two years, while his wife reached the extreme old age of ninety-three. Among their children was B. W. Gehman, who was reared in the Keystone state and in 1837 journeyed on horseback from Pennsylvania to Iowa. In the latter state he purchased the tract of land upon which the city of Des Moines now stands, buying it from the Indians. He then returned by the same method of travel to Pennsylvania and was there married. It was his intention to take up his abode upon his Iowa land and with his bride he started for the Mississippi valley, but on reaching Champaign county his wife became ill. They resolved to spend the winter there and during that period Mr. Gehman was persuaded to buy the old Walker homestead, the place upon which our subject now resides. Accordingly he gave up his anticipated western trip and the land eventually returned to the Indians or to the government. Throughout his remaining days the father resided upon the farm which is now the home of our subject and there lived until called to his final rest at the age of sixty-three. He was a prominent Methodist and served as a local preacher, taking an active part in religious work in many ways. His life was so upright and honorable that his example was well worthy of emulation and his memory remains as a blessed benediction to all who knew him. In politics he was a Republican from the organization of the party and prior to that time gave his support to the Whig party. He married Elizabeth Morris, a native of Reading, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of William Morris, a merchant of that city. Her father removed to Morgantown, Pennsylvania, and was there engaged in mer-

cantile pursuits for some time. He was of English descent. Mr. Gehman died in the sixty-third year of his age, while his wife passed away in her sixty-sixth year. They were the parents of four children, two sons and two daughters, all of whom reached adult age, namely: Ella M., a resident of Kansas; Anna M., now deceased; Benjamin F., a stock farmer of Hutchinson, Kansas; and William M.

Mr. Gehman, of this review, is the youngest of the family, and was reared upon the home farm where he now resides, attending the district schools in his youth and later supplementing his early educational privileges by study in the academy at Lancaster, Ohio, and in the State University at Columbus. He was also a student in the high school at Urbana at one time and afterward engaged in teaching school in order to earn the money for his more advanced education. This was indicative of the elemental strength of his character and gave promise that the future has fulfilled. He remained in the university for about three years and after leaving that institution engaged in teaching school for more than eleven years proving a most capable educator, imparting clearly and concisely to others the knowledge he had acquired. In 1880, however, he gave up school work and turned his attention to farming upon the old homestead where he is now living.

On the 26th of October, 1882, Mr. Gehman led to the marriage altar Miss Hattie E. Chance, a native of Union township, Champaign county, and a daughter of William and Henrietta (Jones) Chance. Mrs. Gehman was engaged in teaching school for some years in Urbana under the superintendence of Professor A. C. Duel, one of the leading educators of Ohio. Mrs. Gehman attended Professor Duel's schools and afterward engaged in teaching under him. She was also a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. By her marriage she has become the mother of four children: Morris, Walter, Ruth and Ralph.

Since age gave to him the right of franchise Mr. Gehman has been a stalwart Republican and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his fitness for leadership and his patriotic allegiance to the county, elected him as their representative in the state legislature in 1895. He served for one term, filling the position most acceptably. To every question which came up for settlement he gave his earnest consideration and left the impress of his individuality upon the legislation enacted during his term. He has also been trustee of Salem township for several years and has been president of the Kings Creek Farmers' Institute, which was organized in 1892. He assisted in its organization and filled the position of presiding officer for six years. He has always been on the side of improvement, reform and progress and has been especially helpful in political, educational and church circles. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church of Kings Creek; is an active worker in the church and Sunday-school and his wife is also a worthy helper in the latter. Mr. Gehman is a man of more than ordinary ability, is a gentleman of scholarly attainments and broad general knowledge and is well fitted for leadership, honored and respected by all, has much influence over public thought and feeling and is most untiring in his efforts in behalf of the general public.

JOHN C. SCEVA.

Mechanicsburg is fortunate in the possession of citizens who are themselves not only creditable acquisitions to their respective financial, professional, industrial or commercial environment, but who have the added incentive of nativity, and are stimulated to precedents established by pioneer fathers who, with splendid zeal, worked out their destinies in the self-same surroundings. Such a one is John C. Sceva, president of the Farmers' Bank, and born in this city November 21, 1838.

JOHN C. SCEVA.

His parents, Nathaniel and Rosalin (Woodard) Sceva, were born near New London, New Hampshire, the latter being a daughter of James and Dollie (Dale) Woodard. After the marriage of the parents they determined to seek the supposed larger opportunities in Ohio, and, accompanied by the Woodards, settled on a farm in Goshen township, Champaign county, where the latter lived for a few years, but passed their last days in Mechanicsburg. Nathaniel Sceva was a carpenter by trade, and was thus employed up to his fortieth year, thereafter turning his attention in various directions. He possessed marked executive ability, and was a man of progressive thought and action. As a stanch upholder of Democratic principles he left his impress upon several political offices, among them that of county commissioner, which he held for one term. During the presidential administration of Buchanan he served as postmaster of this city. He died in 1872, at the age of sixty-two years, and was survived by his wife until 1896, at the age of a little over eighty. Both were members of the Baptist church, and they were the parents of several children. One of the sons, Benjamin F., was a graduate of Union College, and served for four years in the Civil war as a soldier in the Tenth New York Cavalry, rising from the rank of private to that of colonel of his regiment. After the war he engaged in the practice of law in Washington, D. C., in which city he died in 1876. John C. is the second child in his father's family; James H. is a farmer of Madison county, Ohio; Jennie is the wife of Dr. A. L. Sidner, of Mechanicsburg; Horace M. is a resident of Mechanicsburg and is engaged in dairy farming; and Lewis C. is a lawyer of this town.

After completing his education in the public schools of Mechanicsburg John C. Sceva spent two years at the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio. His first business experience was acquired as a clerk in his father's general store, and later in a dry-goods store, after

which a partnership was formed with his brother-in-law, C. W. Williams, in a dry-goods business, which was amicably continued from 1865 until 1875. He was elected a director in the Farmers' Bank of Mechanicsburg, which position he held for some years. Mr. Sceva was made vice-president, and in 1901 succeeded to the presidency. Through his marriage, in 1865, with Ella J. Williams, who died in 1894, two children were born: Anna, wife of F. M. Clements, of Mechanicsburg; and Hattie, wife of E. A. Roberts, of Cleveland, Ohio. In 1899 Mr. Sceva married Mrs. Lida S. Hinckle, nee Sanford. Politically a Democrat, he is yet liberal enough to vote for the best man, but it cannot be said that he has to any extent identified himself with general political matters. He was postmaster under Cleveland's first administration and held the office nearly five years. Since 1857 he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is an official, and for eight years was superintendent of the Sunday-school. He was a member of the building committee of the church and has been treasurer of the church a number of years. Mr. Sceva is one of the substantial men of the city, and for his pronounced business ability and many fine personal attributes deserves and receives the appreciation of his community.

PHILIP L. STICKLEY.

One of the representative farmers of Mad River township is Mr. Stickley, whose fine homestead is located in section 18. He is a native of the Old Dominion state, having been born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, on the 10th of October, 1844, being the son of Joseph Stickley, who was born in the same county, to which his father emigrated from Germany, his native land. The maiden name of our subject's mother

was Mary C. Setzer, who likewise was born in Shenandoah county, being of Irish lineage. Joseph and Mary C. Stickley became the parents of three sons and five daughters, all of whom are living with the exception of two of the daughters. Philip L., the subject of this sketch, is the eldest of the children; Anna is the wife of Martin Lineburg; John H. is a successful farmer of Urbana township, this county; Joseph B. resides near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Mollie is the wife of William Parker, of Virginia; Irena is the wife of Noah Minnch, of Westville, this county; and the other one of the eight children died in childhood.

Philip L. Stickley was reared in his native county up to the age of about eighteen years, when the outbreak of the Civil war occurred and he tendered his services in support of the cause of the Confederacy, enlisting as a member of Chew's battery, which was a part of Ashby's cavalry. He continued in active service until the close of the war, having participated in many of the most memorable battles, including the engagements at Antietam, Gettysburg, Richmond, Kernstown, Newmarket and the Wilderness. In the last mentioned battle he received a severe scalp wound from a piece of shell, while previously he had been wounded in the left arm. He served for a time as a non-commissioned officer and was ever to be found at the post of duty, earnestly battling for the cause of the south. After the close of the war Mr. Stickley returned to his home in Virginia, where he devoted his time to such work as he could find to do, the support of his parents devolving upon him to a very large extent. In 1868 he came to Champaign county, Ohio, and here secured employment by the month on the farm of S. K. Sowers, with whom he remained about nine months, while he was similarly employed for the following three years by Daniel Blose. After this a few months were passed in the employ of another farmer of this locality, and then Mr. Stickley began agricultural operations on his own responsibility. He was married in the year 1873, and forthwith located

on the farm which he now owns and which he has brought under the most effective cultivation, while he has attained independence and marked success entirely through his own well directed efforts, so that he is to be considered as essentially a type of the self-made man, while he has so directed his course as to ever retain the confidence and esteem of those with whom he has come in contact in the various relations of life. Mr. Stickley has added to his original purchase as prosperity attended his efforts until he now has a fine landed estate of two hundred acres in the home place and a good farm of sixty-four acres in Madison county. In politics our subject has ever given a zealous allegiance to the Democratic party, and served two terms in the office of township treasurer, giving an able administration of the fiscal affairs of Mad River township. Fraternally he is a member of the lodge, chapter and commandery of the Masonic order at Urbana and of the Knights of Pythias at Westville.

On the 25th of February, 1873, Mr. Stickley was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Harr, the daughter of Newton H. Harr, one of the pioneers of this county. Of this union six children were born, namely: Ada V. (the wife of Elijah Stickley), Edgar H., Cara M., Blair M., Omer B. and Smith F. The devoted wife and mother was summoned into eternal rest on the 3d of August, 1896, and on the 30th of August, 1898, our subject was united in marriage to Mrs. Elizabeth (Huffman) Caldwell, the widow of Thomas B. Caldwell. She was born near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Elkins) Huffman, who removed to Champaign county, Ohio, when she was a child, and here she was reared and educated. Her father was born in Philadelphia but eventually removed to South Charleston, Clark county, Ohio, where he conducted a successful dairy business. Our subject has an attractive home, and the family enjoy marked popularity in the community, where Mr. Stickley is held in the

highest esteem by those who have witnessed his earnest endeavors which have been crowned with so high a degree of success. Mr. Stickley is a member of Raper Commandery, No. 19, Knights Templar, and Westville Lodge, No. 433, Knights of Pythias.

SAMUEL COWGILL.

The family of which Samuel Cowgill is a most honored representative is a pioneer one in Salem township, Champaign county. He has taken a patriotic part in everything bearing upon the upbuilding and progress of the community, and has aided in many enterprises which have greatly benefited his county and state. A native son of the township, his birth here occurred on the 1st of July, 1831, and he is the eldest son of Henry and Anna Cowgill, whose history will be found on another page of this volume. When twenty-eight years of age their son Samuel left the home of his birth and removed to Nemaha county, Kansas, where he entered a section of land from the government, and there made his home until 1863. In 1860 he returned to Ohio, and was here married to Caroline Buffington, a native daughter of Champaign county, her father having located here some time in the '30s. Returning with his bride to his Kansas home, Mr. Cowgill there remained until just before the death of his wife, which occurred in 1863, when he again returned to the Buckeye state. In company with his sister, he now owns two hundred acres of rich and productive land in Salem township, and has prospered in his financial undertakings. As a citizen his course has been worthy of commendation, for he has given his means and influence to the maintenance of law, order and good government. Firm in his conviction that the principles of the Republican party have

brought to this country its present wonderful prosperity, he is never absent from the polls and manfully strives to promote its welfare. For a period of six years he served as the trustee of Salem township, for twenty years was the efficient school director and has served as trustee for several large estates.

In 1865 Mr. Cowgill was united in marriage to Mary Linville, a native of Wayne township, Champaign county. He is a birth-right member of the Society of Friends and has always loved the church and labored for its growth and upbuilding. Mr. Cowgill is now and has been for three years president of the Champaign and Logan County Pioneer Association, which was organized about thirty-five years ago.

RANDOLPH TRITT.

Randolph Tritt is now living retired in King's Creek, Salem township, his rest coming as a reward of many years of faithful activity in agricultural circles. He was born in Frederick county, Maryland, January 29, 1829, and has therefore passed the seventy-third milestone on life's journey. The family is of German lineage and the parents of our subject spoke the German language. His father, Joseph Tritt, was also born in Frederick county, Maryland, and there remained until after his marriage, when with his family he came to Ohio about 1835. When thirty years had passed he left the Buckeye state and in 1865 took up his abode in Jasper county, Illinois, where he died at the age of seventy-four years. He was an active and helpful member in the Baptist church, and the Republican party received his earnest political support. He served as a trustee in Salem township and was also known in military circles, serving as a major in the war of 1812. Throughout Champaign

county he was known by the title of Major Tritt. By trade he was a carpenter and erected many buildings in Champaign county and also in Greene county. He located in the latter when he came to Ohio, but in 1847 took up his abode in this county, which was his place of residence until his removal to Illinois in 1865, with the exception of a short period passed in Greene county, Ohio. He married Elizabeth Arnold, also a native of Maryland, and her death occurred in that state at the age of forty-one years. She was a daughter of Daniel Arnold, who was born in Maryland or Pennsylvania and was of German lineage. Joseph Tritt twice married and by the first union had five sons and a daughter. After the death of his first wife he married Sarah Snyder and they became the parents of two sons and two daughters.

Randolph Tritt was the fifth in order of birth in the first family. He has but one surviving brother, Ezra, who resides in King's Creek. Randolph Tritt spent the years of his boyhood in the place of his nativity until he attained the age of twelve, when he became a resident of Greene county, Ohio. When a youth of fifteen he began learning the carpenter's trade under the direction of his father and became quite expert. He was thus employed until 1851, having in the meantime come to Champaign county with his father in 1847. They erected many residences in this county and in 1847 built what is known as the Regular Baptist church in King's Creek. This edifice is still one of the old landmarks of the community and is used by the people of the same denomination for which it was built. In the year 1851 Mr. Tritt, of this review, went west to Illinois, where he became connected with the operation of a sawmill, following that pursuit in Sangamon county. When two years had passed, however, he returned to Ohio and again took up his abode in Champaign county.

On the 3d of October, 1853, Mr. Tritt was joined in wedlock to Sarah Jane Stewart, a daughter of Archibald and Elizabeth (Mason)

Stewart. She was born in Salem township, where her parents located in pioneer days. Her father was a captain in the war of 1812 and served as county commissioner for twelve years. He came to this state from Pennsylvania and was known as a prominent and influential citizen. He took an active and earnest part in the work of the Baptist church at King's Creek, to which his wife also belonged. His death occurred when he was about seventy-four years of age and his wife was eighty-one years old at the time of her death.

Mr. and Mrs. Tritt began their domestic life in Urbana in 1853, our subject entering the employ of the firm of Brown, Willey & Patrick, proprietors of the flouring mill. In the spring of the succeeding year he removed to a farm in Salem township, renting the land for about three years. He then purchased what is known as the N. A. Adams farm and conducted it until 1865, when he sold that property and purchased what is known as the Henry Haganbauch farm in Salem township. This he still owns and to its cultivation and development he devoted his energies until 1884, when he removed to his present home at King's Creek. He has one hundred and seventy-one and one-half acres of land in Salem township, constituting a well improved farm, and he also owns sixty and one-half acres in Clark county, Ohio. He has been quite successful in stock-raising, as well as in the cultivation of the fields, and his business interests have brought to him very creditable success.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Tritt have been born two children: S. Elizabeth is the wife of Alfred Miller, of Columbus, Ohio, a real estate dealer, by whom she has two sons, Edward R. and James S. William A. married Ida A. Rule and resides in Springfield, Ohio, where he is engaged in manufacturing. They have three children: Harry R., Sarah E. and Merrel M. Mr. Tritt united with the Baptist church in Greene county, Ohio, in 1844, and has since taken an active part in its work, doing

his duty to promote its growth and extend its influence. In politics he is a stanch Republican, having cast his ballot for J. C. Fremont and Abe Lincoln and for each presidential candidate of the party since that time. He has twice been elected county infirmary director, receiving a unanimous nomination on the second occasion. He served in that capacity for six years and his record in office and his course in business are alike creditable. His diligence and unflagging enterprise have brought to him a handsome competence and he is living in retirement from labor.

MARION TALBOT.

As a representative of one of the sterling pioneer families of Champaign county and one that has figured prominently in its industrial life from the early days when was inaugurated the work of reclaiming the forest wilds, there is particular propriety in according recognition to Mr. Talbot in this compilation, even were his personal prestige and honorable accomplishment less pronounced than they are. For nearly a decade he has been incumbent of the position of deputy county clerk, and in this office he has rendered signally able and discriminating service in the handling of the manifold and important details of this portion of the county government.

Mr. Talbot was born on the ancestral homestead in Jackson township, Champaign county, Ohio, on the 28th of July, 1862, being the son of George W. Talbot, who is still engaged in agricultural pursuits on the old farm. The latter is a son of Harvey Talbot, who came to this county in the year 1802 with his father, Sampson Talbot, who was one of the first settlers of Concord township and for many years was a justice of the peace for that township. Harvey Talbot established his home in the sylvan wilds of Jackson township, where he cleared and

improved the farm now owned by his son, the same being one of the valuable places of this favored section of the Buckeye state. Our subject received his preliminary educational discipline in the public schools and was thereafter matriculated in Oberlin College, where he continued his studies for a time and then entered Dennison University, where he completed his scholastic training. He left the home farm when seventeen years of age and thereafter was a successful and popular teacher in the county for a term of six years. In 1891 he was appointed to his present position as deputy county clerk and his tenure of the office has been consecutive from that time, his thorough knowledge of the affairs of the office and his capable management and executive ability having led to his retention by the successive incumbents of the office of county clerk.

In politics Mr. Talbot has given an unequivocal support to the Republican party and its principles, and fraternally is identified with the time-honored order of Freemasonry, being a member of Champaign Lodge, No. 525, F. & A. M.; Urbana Chapter, No. 34, R. A. M.; and Urbana Council, No. 59, R. & S. M. He and his wife are members of the First Baptist church of Urbana.

On the 3d of December, 1885, Mr. Talbot was united in marriage to Miss Lillie M. Zerkel, who was born in Champaign county, Ohio, the daughter of Solon Zerkel. In April, 1902, Mr. Talbot was nominated to the office of county clerk of Champaign county.

EDWARD A. GUY.

For many years the subject of this memoir has been classed among the prominent and influential citizens of Champaign county, where he is well known as an agriculturist and as a tile manufacturer. His birth

occurred in Madison county, Ohio, on the 17th of November, 1829. He is descended from a prominent old Vermont family, his paternal grandfather, James Guy, having been born in that commonwealth, but he became one of the early pioneers of Madison county, Ohio. In the Green Mountain state the father of our subject, William Guy, was also born, and when ten years of age was brought by his parents to Madison county. He was there married to Adelaide Fullington, who came from Vermont, the state of her nativity, to Ohio at the age of ten years, and her father, George Fullington, was also one of the early pioneers of Madison county. She was called to her final rest at the age of eighty years, and her husband reached the good old age of ninety-three years. They became the parents of eight children, five sons and three daughters, all of whom grew to years of maturity with the exception of one son, who died at the age of three years.

Edward A. Guy, the first born of the eight children, was reared to years of maturity in Pike township, Madison county, Ohio. After his marriage he took up his abode in Champaign county and on the farm on which he first located he has ever since continued to make his home. At one time his landed possessions consisted of three hundred and ninety acres, but he has since sold a part of that tract and at the present time his homestead consists of only eighteen acres. In 1882, in connection with his farming and stock-raising interests, he embarked in tile manufacturing, and in both lines of trade has been eminently successful. He is a man of uprightness in word and deed, and all who know him or have had business dealings with him speak in the highest terms of his justice and honor.

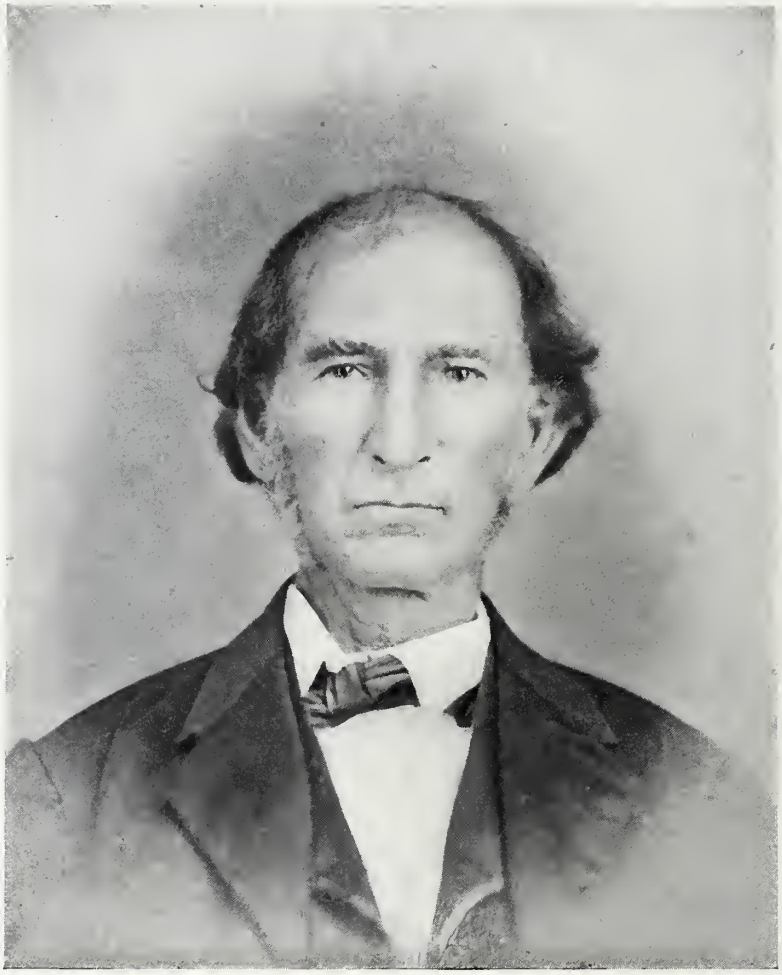
In the year 1854, in Union county, Ohio, Mr. Guy was united in marriage to Adelaide McMullan, a native of Madison county, Illinois, where her father, John McMullan, was among the early pioneers, and Mrs. Guy is the fifth in order of birth of her parents' eight children.

This union has been blessed with the following children: Lucy, the deceased wife of Ed Hodge; Ida, the wife of James Hanson, of Gallipolis; Clara, the wife of Clark Britton, of Mechanicsburg; Edwin, who is married, and both he and his wife are employed in the Boys' Industrial School at Lancaster, Ohio; Mary, the wife of Thomas Baker, of Mechanicsburg; and Margaret, who is in the Episcopal Hospital at Gallipolis, Ohio. Throughout the years of his manhood Mr. Guy has given a loyal support to the Republican party, and on its ticket he was elected to the office of trustee of Goshen township, in which he was the incumbent for twelve consecutive years. For a period of fifteen years he was a director of the County Fair Association, and for a long period was a member of the Central Fair Association, which included the counties of Champaign, Clark, Union and Madison. His sterling worth commands the respect and confidence of all, and he is one of the valued citizens of Champaign county.

ELIAS P. BLACK.

Elias P. Black, who has been identified with the interests of Rush township, Champaign county, throughout his entire life, was born on the farm on which he now resides on the 3d of September, 1839. His father, Peter Black, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1786, and in 1809 he came with his parents, Samuel and Sarah Black, to Rush township, the journey being made with ox teams. In this township the son Peter was reared, and he was here married to Maria A. Hilliard, who was born in Vermont, but when quite young she was brought to Champaign county.

Mr. and Mrs. Black began their domestic life on a farm in Rush township, the work of which was carried on in partnership with a neighbor, and one team, consisting of a bull and a horse, performed the



Peter Black

FRANCIS M. BLACK.

labor for both parties for two years. Mr. Black went into Union county, near Byhalia, where he was engaged in making maple sugar, which he hauled to Cincinnati and sold, using the proceeds to pay for his farm of one hundred and six acres which he had purchased in this township. During a part of this time he was associated in business with Samuel Hanes and a Mr. Coom. After paying for his land he purchased another tract of one hundred acres, which he paid for by making "Black Salts" from the ashes of the timber which had been cut from his land, and later he became the owner of an adjoining tract of fifty acres. He subsequently went to Kansas and purchased seventeen hundred and sixty acres on the Osage river, in Anderson county, which is now owned by his son, Judge F. M. Black, of Kansas City. His life's labors were ended in death when he had reached the age of seventy-three years. His was a remarkable record, and it illustrates in no uncertain manner what it is possible to accomplish when perseverance and determination form the keynote to a man's life. Depending upon his own resources, he arose from comparative obscurity to a place of prominence in the business world. Mrs. Black reached the age of seventy-five years. This worthy couple became the parents of seven children, four of whom grew to years of maturity, namely: Lydia A. Archer, of Woodstock; Frank M., a judge of Kansas City, Missouri; and Harriet H., deceased.

Elias P. Black, of this review, is the sixth child in order of birth in the above family. He was reared on the farm on which he now resides, and his primary education was received in the primitive log school house of the neighborhood. Later he became a student in the Urbana high school, and afterward received a course in the university at Delaware, Ohio. On account of his father's illness he was obliged to leave the schoolroom and return to the home farm, and after the latter's death he continued to care for his aged mother until she, too, was called to the home beyond. In 1885 he added the dairy business to his general farming, and he now keeps about one hundred head of

registered Jerseys, to which he feeds ensilage. He was the first to manufacture this food, of which he now feeds about two hundred and fifty tons a year, and he has three siloes, with a capacity of from seventy-five to one hundred tons each. He does all of his own separating and ships his cream, this branch of his business yielding him an average of two hundred dollars a month. He is also a stockholder and now president of the Woodstock Bank, which was organized eighteen years ago. The bank was organized with twelve stockholders, but it now has only three. Mr. Black has ever kept himself well informed on the political issues, and gives an intelligent support to the Democratic party, although he is very liberal in his views. For seven years he served as the trustee of his township, and at one time was nominated for the position of county commissioner on the Democratic ticket, but the county at that time contained a Republican majority of about seventeen hundred and Mr. Black came within sixty votes of winning the election. He has many times served as judge of elections before the Australian ballot system was inaugurated. He is a prominent citizen of the community, and his fine homestead of two hundred and twenty-two and a half acres is one of the desirable places of the county.

Mr. Black was united in marriage to Miss L. R. White, of Delaware, Ohio, and they have reared four orphan children. In his social relations he is a member of the Masonic fraternity at Urbana, and of the Junior Order of American Mechanics at Mingo.

GEORGE W. CRIFFIELD.

George W. Criffield, a farmer residing in King's Creek, after long years of close and honorable connection with agricultural pursuits has now put aside business cares and labors and is enjoying a well merited

rest. He was born in Salem township, October 2, 1837, and on the paternal side was of Welsh descent, while on the maternal side he is of German lineage. He was reared in the faith of the Society of Friends, his maternal grandfather having been connected with that religious sect. His father, Isaac Criffield, was a native of Virginia and on attaining his maturity left the Old Dominion in order to seek a home upon what was then the western frontier, taking up his abode in Salem township, Champaign county. He was twice married, his first union being with a Miss Leonard, by whom he has three children, but all are now deceased. In Salem township he wedded Margaret Parkes, a native of Chester county, Pennsylvania, who came to Champaign county when about twenty years of age with her brother, John Parkes. Mr. Criffield, the father, died at the age of forty-four years. In their family were three children. George W. Criffield, the eldest and the only one now living, is indebted to the public school system of his native township for the educational privileges which he enjoyed. In his youth he assisted in the work of the home farm from the time of early spring planting until the crops were harvested in the autumn. When he had arrived at years of maturity he sought as a companion and helpmate Miss Barbara Herr, and unto them were born four children: Charles A., who married Eva Davis and resides upon the old home farm; Abe H.; Frances, who died at the age of nineteen years; and one who died in infancy. In February, 1902, Mr. Criffield was again married, his second union being with Johanna Bowers, and they are now residing in King's Creek.

Mr. Criffield provided for his family by following agricultural pursuits and stock-raising and he remained upon the old homestead until June, 1902. At the time of his second marriage he removed to King's Creek, where he now has a pleasant home. He is yet the owner of two farms, one comprising two hundred and ten acres and the other fifty acres. It is all rich and arable land, located in Salem township, and

returns to him an excellent income. In politics he is a stanch Republican and takes an active interest in political work. He has served as school director and as a member of the board of education for a number of years. For thirty-five years he has held membership in the King's Creek Baptist church and has taken a very active and helpful part in its work. He has held a number of offices in the church and for a number of years served as superintendent of the Sunday-school. He is a public-spirited and progressive man who never withholds his aid or influence from movement or measure calculated to promote the general good. Energetic, industrious and enterprising, these salient features in his character have won for him creditable success.

JOHN WESLEY KENAGA.

John Wesley Kenaga, one of the leading representatives of the agricultural interests of Champaign county, was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, April 18, 1833. His paternal grandfather, Joseph Kenaga, was one of the early pioneers of this locality, and here he spent the remainder of his life. His son and the father of our subject, John Kenaga, claimed Maryland as the state of his nativity, where he was reared and educated, but when a young man he moved to Berks county, Pennsylvania, where for eleven years he was engaged in the milling business. In 1836 he left his home in that state and came to Champaign county, Ohio, where for the first two years he was engaged in agricultural pursuits and then removed to Urbana City, there securing an interest in a stage business. In 1862, however, he returned to his farm, but shortly afterward again located in the city of Urbana, where he was engaged in the clothing business with Robert Given. Selling his

interest therein, Mr. Kenaga sought his country home, later again removed to Urbana and there his remaining days were passed, he having closed his eyes in death in 1889. As a companion on the journey of life he chose Miss Frances Bruner, also a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, and her death occurred in Urbana in 1882. This worthy couple became the parents of seven children, namely: John Wesley; William F.; Bruner, deceased; Joseph; Heber, deceased; Brooks, deceased; and Emma.

John Wesley, who was the first born, was but four years of age when brought by his parents to this county, and his education was received in the public schools of Urbana. After his marriage he located where he now resides, on a farm consisting of one hundred and twenty-eight acres of valuable and highly improved land, and there is extensively engaged in general farming and stock-raising. His fields are under a most excellent state of cultivation, and everything about the place shows evidence of a thrifty and progressive owner.

In 1856 occurred the marriage of Mr. Kenaga with Miss Sally Powell, a native daughter of Champaign county, where her parents were among the early pioneer settlers, they having come to this locality from Kentucky. Unto this union were born three children,—Etta, deceased; Carrie; and Bruner, deceased. Mrs. Kenaga died August 28, 1892. Carrie, the only living child of Mr. and Mrs. Kenaga, was born on the old homestead near Urbana in 1859 and was educated at the Urbana schools. In 1881 she married Dr. Isaac Pearce Owen, who died February 13, 1889, leaving his widow with two children, Etta K. and Isaac Pearce. In 1893 Mrs. Carrie (Kenaga) Owen was united in marriage to Henry Freyhof, a native of Louisville, Kentucky, born in 1870. To this union one child, Earl L., has been born. Mr. Freyhof is a Republican in politics and is now engaged in farming on the old Kenaga homestead. Mr. Kenaga gives his political support to the Republican

party, having cast his first presidential vote for Fremont in 1856, and for three years he served as the trustee of his township. He is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in all movements for the betterment of his fellow men he takes a conspicuous and leading part.

VESALIUS S. MAGRUDER.

Of worthy Scotch ancestry, Vesalius S. Magruder, at present engaged in the real-estate and insurance business in Mechanicsburg, was born in this city May 22, 1846, a son of James L. and Eliza E. (Stafford) Magruder, and grandson of Ninian and Elizabeth (Lyons) Magruder.

On both the paternal and maternal sides of the family the emigrating forefathers settled in the Old Dominion state, and at Winchester, Virginia, James L. Magruder was born August 29, 1817. Until his nineteenth year his association with his family remained unbroken, and then, accompanied by a brother-in-law, Filander Maine, they set out for the home of the latter in Vienna Crossroads, Clark county, Ohio, their means of locomotion being a single horse, which between them they "rode and tied." After a year at the Crossroads, Mr. Magruder came to the conclusion that his field of usefulness lay elsewhere, so journeyed to West Liberty, where he learned the trade of harness-making, and where he remained for nearly four years. As early as 1838 he located in Mechanicsburg, and here found employment with William Rutan, one of the pioneers of the town. In 1841 he started an independent business, and in the shop originally selected for the making of his harness he has since continued to ply his trade, the industry established by him constituting one of the interesting landmarks of the

locality. A well merited success has crowned his efforts as a business man and citizen, and no other has more happily allied with his industry a delightful and optimistic personality, a finely balanced character, and a high regard for the worth-while things of life. These admirable traits pre-suppose unstinted esteem, and in the case of Mr. Magruder have brought also popularity and general good will. He was married at West Liberty in 1842, with Eliza E. Stafford, a native of Pennsylvania and of Irish descent. Mrs. Magruder, who died in 1900, at the age of seventy-six, was the mother of two children, a son and daughter, the latter, Sallie E., being now the wife of Jacob Horr, of Mechanicsburg. Politically Mr. Magruder was originally a Whig, and is at present a Republican.

It was but natural that Vesalius S. Magruder should early acquire a knowledge of the harness business, and after finishing his education in the public schools, he completed the trade under his father's able instruction. During the Civil war he enlisted for four months, May 2, 1864, in Company C, One Hundred and Thirty-Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and during the service learned enough about war to appreciate the benefit of peace. He has since been a member, and for two terms commander, of the Stephen Baxter Post, No. 88, Grand Army of the Republic. In 1867 Mr. Magruder became interested with his father in the harness business, and continued the association until the present year, when the time-honored shop, with its multitudinous reminders of public appreciation, and of its genial and well loved founder, is about to pass into other hands. In the meantime Mr. Magruder has become interested in real estate and insurance, in which lines of activity success may be predicted, if general business ability is any guide. A wholesome interest in politics has added somewhat to the cares of Mr. Magruder, and he has creditably filled several minor offices, among them being that of corporation clerk of Mechanicsburg, which he held for

twelve years, and that of a member of the school board for four years. For thirty-five years he has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In 1869 Mr. Magruder married Annie Horr, a native of this town, of which union there is one son, James W., a medical practitioner of Peru, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Magruder are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and the former has been connected with the official board for many years. He bears an excellent reputation in the community, and thus it happens that the name of Magruder, through father and son, has come to be regarded as indicative of business and moral strength.

FENTON WHETSEL.

The fine farm owned and occupied by the subject of this sketch is located in section 12, Mad River township, and he is known as one of the substantial and progressive agriculturists of this favored section of the state. Mr. Whetsel is a native of the Old Dominion, having been born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, on the 18th of February, 1845, the son of Samuel Whetsel, who was born in the same county, where he was reared to maturity and where his marriage occurred, the maiden name of his wife having been Elizabeth Earian. He lived to attain the age of about seventy-six years, and died in Licking county, Ohio, where his widow still maintains her home. They became the parents of eight children, all of whom are living, namely: Uriah, Fenton, Joseph, James, Lemuel, Rufus, Robert and Mary, the last named being the wife of Thomas Horner, of Licking county.

Fenton Whetsel was reared and educated in Virginia, where he grew up under the sturdy discipline of the farm. In 1862 he tendered

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his services to the Confederacy, becoming a member of Company K, Twelfth Virginia Cavalry, with which he rendered valiant service until the close of the war, having participated in many of the most notable battles of the great conflict. On two occasions he had his horse shot beneath him and was personally struck twice by the enemy's bullets, but during his entire term of service he was never disabled and was always at his post of duty. Shortly after the close of the war, in 1865, Mr. Whetsel came to Champaign county, and for the following eleven years was employed by the month on various farms in this section of the state. After his marriage he located on a small farm in Concord township, where he remained until 1894, when he took up his residence on his present farm, which comprises about seventy acres, well improved and under most effective cultivation. He has attained independence and definite success through his own efforts, has been indefatigable, energetic and faithful, and has known the meaning of hard work, so that none can begrudge him the prosperity which he has so worthily achieved. He is the owner of property in Licking county, where he showed his filial devotion by purchasing a lot and erecting thereon a comfortable residence for his father and mother, the latter of whom still makes her home there. In politics Mr. Whetsel gives his support to the men whom he considers the best fitted for office, and fraternally he is identified with Westville Lodge, No. 433, Knights of Pythias, while he attends the Methodist Episcopal church, being held in the highest esteem in the community.

On the 4th of May, 1875, Mr. Whetsel was united in marriage to Miss Martha J. Osborn, who was born on the farm where our subject now lives, January 17, 1840, her father having been one of the pioneers of this county. She died on the 11th of October, 1900, leaving no children. She proved a devoted companion and helpmeet to her husband and was a woman whose gentle and gracious character had endeared

her to a wide circle of friends. She was a daughter of Noble and Susan (Kenton) Osborn, who located in Champaign county in an early day and here passed the remainder of their lives.

JAMES I. BLOSE.

In scanning the lives and careers of the citizens of Champaign county, Ohio, it is pleasing to note the exercise of enterprise in every walk of life, and the achievement of success in every department of business and industrial activity. The personal career of the subject of this review has been an active and successful one, and the intelligence and ability shown by him in the management and direction of his business affairs, as well as those pertaining to important public office of which he has been incumbent, and the interest he has always shown in the advancement of measures for the good of the county, have caused him to be classed among the representative citizens of this section of the state, while there are additional points of interest attaching to his career from the fact that he is a native son of the county and a representative of pioneer families of sterling character.

Mr. Blose was born on a farm in Mad River township, Champaign county, Ohio, on the 18th of October, 1852, being the son of Daniel and Louisa (Colbert) Blose, the former of whom was born in Virginia and the latter in Champaign county, Ohio, where their marriage was solemnized. Daniel Blose was a mere boy at the time when his parents removed from the Old Dominion state to Ohio, and his father, Henry Blose, thus became one of the pioneer farmers of Champaign county, as was also John Colbert, the maternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch. Daniel Blose was twice married, his first union being

to a Miss Pence, who bore him three children, while by the second union there were five sons, of whom three are living at the present time. Mr. Blose died at the age of fifty-five years, having devoted his active life to agricultural pursuits, and his widow survived him by many years, passing away in 1901, at the venerable age of eighty-two years.

James I. Blose remained on the homestead farm until he had attained the age of seventeen years, early beginning to contribute his quota to its work and receiving his preliminary educational training in the district schools and supplementing the same by a course of study in Urbana University. Upon leaving the farm he secured a clerical position in the Urbana office of the Panhandle Railroad, where he remained about a year, and then entered into partnership with John C. Edmiston and engaged in the grain business in Urbana, building up an excellent business and continuing operations under the firm name of Blose & Edmiston about six years.

In his political adherency Mr. Blose has ever been arrayed in support of the principles and policies of the Democratic party and he has taken an active interest in public affairs of a local nature. In 1876 he was elected to the office of county treasurer, and so capably and satisfactorily administered the financial affairs of Champaign county that he was chosen as his own successor in 1878, being thus in tenure of the office for two consecutive terms. After retiring from office Mr. Blose resumed his operations as a grain and produce commission merchant, and has ever since been concerned in this important line of enterprise in Urbana, conducting an individual business and handling a large volume of business, buying and shipping grain and handling feed, hay and other products of the farm, while he has also been successful in the handling of farm properties, as a real-estate operator. He is known as one of the progressive and straightforward business men of his native county, where he is held in uniform confidence and esteem. Fraternally

Mr. Blose is a prominent member of the Masonic order, being identified with Harmony Lodge, No. 8, F. & A. M.; Urbana Chapter, No. 34, R. A. M.; and Raper Commandery, No. 19, Knights Templar, all at Urbana, while he is also a member of Scottish Rite bodies and the Mystic Shrine at Dayton, taking a deep interest in the affairs of this ancient and time-honored fraternity.

On the 28th of December, 1876, Mr. Blose was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Ann Straw, of Carey, Ohio, she having been born in Wyandot county, the daughter of David Straw. Mr. and Mrs. Blose have three children, Corinne, Lucy and Helen.

A. G. HOPKINS.

A. G. Hopkins, a wide-awake and progressive farmer, living on the Urbana and Mechanicsburg pike in Goshen township, Champaign county, was born in Union county, Ohio, January 22, 1847. His father, George Hopkins, was also a native of Union county, while the grandfather Benjamin Hopkins, was born in England. The last named was a sailor in early life, but when a young man came to America and cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers of Union county, Ohio. The father of our subject was reared and married in that county and there followed the occupation of farming until his death, which occurred when he was about forty-eight years of age. He married Sarah Bates, a native of Logan county, Ohio, born and reared in that portion of the state. Her father was Cranson Bates, a pioneer settler of Logan county. Mrs. Hopkins also died when about forty-eight years of age. By her marriage she had become the mother of six children, all of whom reached adult life. There were two daughters and four sons and Mr. Hopkins of this review was the second child and son.

Reared in the county of his nativity A. G. Hopkins acquired his early education in the district schools of Union county and remained with his parents until they were called to the home beyond. He was only six years of age at the time of his father's death, after which our subject and his brother, Marion, supported the family until after the inauguration of the Civil war. Both enlisted, the subject of this review becoming a member of the One Hundred and Thirty-Sixth Ohio Infantry in 1864. He joined Company B, and served until the expiration of his term of service. He then returned to Union county, but after a short time removed to St. Petersburg, Pennsylvania, and engaged in speculating in the oil district, being connected with that business for twelve years. On the expiration of that period he sold his interest in Pennsylvania, where he had met with creditable success, and then came to Champaign county, where he purchased the farm upon which he now resides. He has since been engaged in the tilling of the soil and stock raising. He has two hundred and seventeen acres of well tilled land, upon which is a good residence, substantial barns and all modern equipments. Mr. Hopkins is also one of the stockholders of the Farmers' Bank of Mechanicsburg.

In 1882 occurred the marriage of our subject and Miss Nettie Miller, a daughter of James and Emeline (Burnham) Miller. Mrs. Hopkins was born in Madison county, Ohio, and unto this marriage have been born two sons, Roy and Harold. The former is now an illustrator for magazines in New York, while the latter, a lad of nine years, is at home. Mr. Hopkins is a stanch Republican and for eleven years has held the office of township trustee, discharging his duties with marked fidelity and promptness. He belongs to Mechanicsburg Lodge, F. & A. M., and also to the Order of the Eastern Star of that place. He is likewise a member of Stephen Baxter Post No. 85, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he is now serving as commander. He belongs to

the Methodist Episcopal church, is a member of its board of trustees and takes an active interest in everything pertaining to its growth and upbuilding. His interest in public affairs is broad and helpful. His life has been well spent and as the architect of his own fortunes he certainly deserves credit for what he has accomplished.

JOHN G. LOGAN.

One of the native sons of Champaign county who holds precedence as one of its influential and successful farmers is Mr. Logan, whose valuable landed estate is located in section 22, Urbana township. He was born in this township, on the 15th of October, 1835, being a son of Elijah Logan, who was born in Kentucky, whence his father, Samuel Logan, removed to Ohio in the year 1812, locating in Urbana township, this county, where he took up a quarter section of government land in what is now section 21, and here his death occurred in the following year. His son Elijah was reared on this pioneer homestead, which has thus been owned by the family for three generations, the same being now an integral portion of the fine estate of the subject of this review. In this township was solemnized the marriage of Elijah Logan to Miss Roxaline Powell, who was born in this township, being a daughter of Samuel Powell, who came from his native state of Kentucky to Champaign county in 1806, becoming one of the first settlers in Urbana township. The mother of our subject died at the age of fifty years, and her husband passed away when about sixty years of age. He was originally a Whig and later a Republican in politics and was one of the prominent men of his township, where he held various official positions. His wife

was a devoted member of the Baptist church. They became the parents of eleven children, of whom seven attained maturity, while only three are living at the present time, namely: Samuel, who is a resident of Lincoln, Logan county, Illinois; Adell, who resides in Kansas; and John G., the subject of this sketch and now the only member of the family in the county.

Mr. Logan was reared on the old homestead and his early educational advantages were such as were afforded in the district schools. With the exception of two years, which he passed in Kentucky, he has passed his entire life in this county and has been consecutively identified with agricultural pursuits. In 1862 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary A. (Rohrer) Blose, who was born in Mad River township, this county, the daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Loudenback) Rohrer, who were representatives of two of the early pioneer families of the county, the father having come from Pennsylvania and the Loudenback family from Virginia. Our subject and his wife have four children, namely: Emma Edith, who is the wife of John L. Woodburn, of Urbana; Ethelbert R., who married Annette Bailey and resides in this township; Edna Esther, who remains at the parental home; and John Earl, who married Clara Obers and lives in this township.

Our subject has resided on his present homestead from his youth up, and is now one of the most extensive land-holders in the county, having at the present time a landed estate of one thousand acres and being one of the most influential and successful farmers of this section of the state. He has one of the finest residences in the county, the dwelling having been remodeled in 1887, while other additions were made at a later date, so that it is specially spacious and attractive. In politics Mr. Logan is a stanch supporter of the Democratic party and is held in the highest confidence and esteem in the county where he has passed practically his entire life.

JAMES L. CRAIN.

Of one of the honored pioneer families of Champaign county is the subject of this sketch a representative, and here he has passed the entire span of his life, now holding prestige as one of the successful farmers and horsemen of Union township and standing as one of the leading citizens of that section of his native county.

James Lewis Crain was born in Pretty Prairie, this county, on the 24th of February, 1830, being the son of Lewis F. Crain, who was born in the state of Kentucky, where he was reared to maturity, and whence, as a young man, he came to Champaign county, and here engaged in the raising of and dealing in horses and hogs. He located a large tract of land on Pretty Prairie, Urbana township, being one of the first settlers in that locality. He was a son of Lewis Crain, who likewise was born in Kentucky, where he devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, having been a Whig in his political views. Lewis F. Crain was married, in Clark county, Ohio, to Miss Clara Phifer, who was born in Virginia, in the district of the Greenbrier river, her parents having been of German descent. From Virginia they came to Ohio when their daughter Clara was a child, and located first in Franklin county, whence they later removed to Clark county, where they passed the remainder of their lives. Lewis F. and Clara Crain became the parents of three children,—James L., the subject of this sketch; Lucinda J., the widow of Henry Espey, formerly a prominent banker of Urbana; and Louise Caroline, the widow of John D. Fligger, who was a railroad man.

Our subject received his educational training in the public schools at Springfield, this county, but left school at the early age of fifteen years, and thereafter remained with his step-father (his own father having died when our subject was only three years of age), William

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Vance, a brother of ex-Governor Vance of Ohio, and thus he continued until the death of Mr. Vance, in 1866. He was but seven years of age when the farm upon which he now resides became his home, and early began to aid in the work of clearing and improving the place. In 1856 he and his step-father erected a gristmill in this township, and the building is still standing. The farm owned by Mr. Crain was purchased in the early '60s by R. E. Robinson, who secured the property at a public auction, and in 1868 our subject purchased the place of the gentleman named and now has an estate of nearly five hundred acres, upon which he has made the best of improvements. In connection with his diversified farming Mr. Crain devotes special attention to the raising of live stock, particularly horses of the best type, and at the time of this writing has on his farm fifty head of very highly bred animals, and also keeps a stable in Urbana. He has attained a high reputation as a breeder of fine horses, and takes an enthusiastic interest in this branch of his business.

On the 26th of March, 1856, Mr. Crain was united in marriage to Miss Martha A. Todd, who was born in Pennsylvania, and who is a sister of Mrs. Mary H. Runyon, widow of J. H. Runyon, of whom a memoir appears on another page of this volume. Of this union five children have been born, namely: Clara A., who remains at the parental home: Caroline J., the wife of Elmer Powell, a successful farmer of Union township, who helps our subject in the training of his horses; William L. and Florence, who are deceased; and a daughter who died in infancy.

Mr. Crain is one of the honored veterans of the war of the Rebellion, in which he served with marked loyalty, participating in many of the important battles of that greatest of all civil conflicts. On the 2d of March, 1864, he enlisted as a private in Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, being made second sergeant

of his company, with which he served until the close of the war, receiving his honorable discharge in Urbana. In politics Mr. Crain gives a stanch allegiance to the Republican party, and has been an active worker in the ranks of the same, his first presidential vote having been cast in support of John C. Fremont. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church, and he has been for many years a member of the church at Buck Creek, having contributed liberally to the erection of the church building. He is held in the highest esteem in the community and is known as a progressive and public-spirited citizen.

CYRUS MILLER.

Cyrus Miller was born in Mad River township, Champaign county, Ohio, August 7, 1855. His father, David Miller, was a native of Shenandoah county, Virginia, born August 5, 1813, and came to Ohio when about fifteen years of age making the journey alone. He made his way direct to Champaign county, settling in Mad River township. He was a wagonmaker by trade and began work along that line soon after his arrival, carrying on business at Terrehaute for many years. By his well directed efforts he accumulated a handsome competence and at length was enabled to retire from active business life, passing away at the age of seventy-five years. He gave his political support to the Democracy and was at one time township trustee. He also belonged to the Lutheran church. His record was one commendable and worthy, for he started out in life empty-handed at the early age of fourteen years and steadily worked his way upward until his enterprise and industry had made him a successful and prominent man. He was united in marriage to Keziah Jones, a native of German township, Clark county, Ohio,

where their marriage was celebrated. Her parents were David and Margaret (Bruner) Jones, who were early settlers of Clark county, taking up their abode there when the Indians were still residents of that district. Mrs. Miller still survives her husband. She was born August 5, 1816, and has therefore passed the eighty-fifth milestone on life's journey. By her marriage she became the mother of five children, of whom Cyrus Miller is the fourth in order of birth and the third son. He is also the only survivor, for the others died in infancy.

In his native township Mr. Miller of this review was reared and began his education in the common schools of the district, while later he pursued a high school course for four years. He devoted his energies to educational work, spending three years in Mad River township and one in Clark county, Ohio, as a representative of educational interests there. He remained at home until his marriage, which occurred November 2, 1879, the lady of his choice being Nella Sifers, a native of Mad River township, Champaign county, and a daughter of William and Hester (Hullinger) Sifers, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Champaign county, Ohio. Mrs. Miller was their third child and youngest daughter. She was reared and educated in Mad River township and to her husband she has proved an able assistant on life's journey. Immediately after his marriage Mr. Miller located in Terrehaute, where he has since resided. After abandoning the work of an educator he engaged in the operation of a sawmill at this place, continuing in that line for five years. In 1886 he was elected township clerk and served continuously in that office until the 1st of September, 1898. Since 1886 he has been notary public, having been appointed by Governor Joseph Foraker. He is also interested in the real estate business, owning a number of farms, including forty-four acres which adjoins Terrehaute. Most of his land is in Mad River township, and in all aggregates four hundred and thirty-eight acres. Mr. Miller has been called

upon to settle a number of estates, a fact which indicates his well known honesty and proverbial trustworthiness. He also carries on an insurance business and the policies which he writes each year amount to a considerable sum.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Miller is a Mason, belonging to the lodge and chapter at Saint Paris and the commandery at Urbana. He is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and in his political views is a stalwart Democrat, taking an active part in everything tending to advance his party's success. He is also actively interested in all movements for the general welfare and as a citizen is known as one who is ever loyal to the public good. In business circles he sustains an unassailable business reputation and his sterling worth is widely acknowledged by many friends who have long known him.

To Mr. and Mrs. Miller were born three children: The oldest, David William, was born November 19, 1880, and died September 13, 1881; Mabel, born August 7, 1883, is taking a high school course; Benjamin Franklin, born January 5, 1886, is still at home.

SHERMAN S. DEATON.

Among the practitioners at the Champaign county bar who have won distinction is Sherman S. Deaton. If honor and success could be won by purchase, many a man who goes through life upon a common plane would rise to a position of eminence, but in a learned profession only unremitting diligence, zeal and strong mentality avail and it has been as the result of these alone that Sherman S. Deaton has become known as a most capable attorney-at-law. He was born in Kosciusko county, Indiana, on the 23rd of February, 1865, his parents being George

W. and Frances C. (Fortney) Deaton, both of whom were natives of Clark county, Ohio. In the year 1863 they removed to Indiana and settled on a farm in Kosciusko county. They had eight children, seven sons and one daughter, but the eldest son and the daughter are now deceased. Mr. Deaton of this review was the fifth in order of birth. His father died when the son was thirteen years of age and the mother survived for thirteen years, thereafter passing away in death December 12, 1894.

Sherman S. Deaton was reared on the home farm and has always retained a deep interest in the people who cultivate the soil and carry on that branch of activity known as agriculture. In the common schools he obtained his early education and being of a studious nature he advanced rapidly in his studies, so that at the early age of seventeen years he secured a certificate and became a teacher. For twelve years thereafter he followed that profession, having been employed during the first five years in the public schools of Indiana, while for seven years he was a teacher in the graded schools of Honey Creek, Jackson township, Champaign county, being principal of the grammar schools and during the last three years of that period also filling the position of superintendent of the schools of Jackson township, being one of the first township superintendents in the county. His early education acquired in the country schools was supplemented by a brief term of study in the Warsaw (Indiana) high school and the Fort Wayne College of the Methodist Episcopal church at Fort Wayne, Indiana. During the summers of 1887, 1888, 1889 and 1890 he also attended the Northwestern Ohio Normal University at Ada, Ohio.

While engaged in teaching school Mr. Deaton studied law and continued his task of mastering the principles of jurisprudence while at Ada. He completed his law studies in the office of the Hon. E. P. Middleton, a prominent attorney of Urbana and now judge of the

court of common pleas, and was admitted to the bar December 7, 1893. In June, 1894, he opened a law office in Saint Paris, Ohio. On the 6th of October, of the same year, he was nominated by the Republicans as their candidate for the office of prosecuting attorney for Champaign county, receiving the nomination over five other candidates, and was elected on the 6th of November, following, receiving a plurality of twenty hundred and twenty-five votes over his competitors. On the 2nd of November, 1897, he was re-elected without opposition, receiving more votes than any other candidate on either county or state ticket. He made a good record in the office, vigorously prosecuting felonious and malicious criminals, but discouraging a waste of public funds in cases where there was no probability of securing conviction. In June, 1901, Governor George K. Nash appointed Mr. Deaton a member of the state board of pardons, commissioning him for a term of four years. Since January, 1895, he has been associated in the practice of law as a partner of George Waite and this firm has gained a large and desirable clientage, being regarded as one of the strongest law firms in the county. As a lawyer Mr. Deaton has won a most enviable reputation. A student by nature, thorough and painstaking in all litigation, he is also possessed of superior gifts of oratory and is a formidable adversary in the court room.

In 1898 Mr. Deaton wedded Miss Mabel West, an accomplished lady, who was reared in Champaign county, and their home is celebrated for its generous hospitality. Fraternally Mr. Deaton is connected with Champaign Lodge, F. & A. M., and the Junior Order of American Mechanics. Politically he has always been an enthusiastic Republican and his campaign addresses have been received with interest and in many places have often carried conviction to the minds of his auditors. For six years he served as treasurer of the Champaign county Republican executive committee and was its chairman during the political campaign

of 1901 and 1902. He has been the architect of his own fortunes. In early life he taught school and with the compensation thus received was enabled to further continue his own education and make preparation for entering the profession of law. With energy and determination he has steadily advanced and for the gratifying success he has achieved deserves no little praise. Of a generous nature, genial and agreeable he makes friends readily and is a most popular and honored resident of Urbana.

CALEB JONES, M. D.

For many years an active factor in the professional life of Saint Paris and Champaign county, Dr. Jones has gained a wide reputation as a physician of skill and ability. He was born in Piqua, Ohio, June 2, 1851, and on the paternal side is of Welsh descent. His grandfather, Caleb Jones, was a blacksmith by trade, as was also his son, William A. The latter was a native of Ohio, and for many years was employed in making the irons for the locks on the Miami canal. He married Delilah Coats, whose father, David Coats, was a millwright and a member of the Quaker faith. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Jones was celebrated in 1850, and they became the parents of two children, and the daughter, Mary Ellen, is now the wife of Wallace Williams and resides in Ohio City, Ohio.

Caleb Jones, whose name introduces this review, received his early education in the common schools of his native county, while later he enjoyed superior advantages in the Piqua high school and afterward received the Chautauqua course, in which he now holds a diploma. Desiring to enter the practice of medicine as a life occupation, he accordingly began study under the preceptorship of Dr. William Goodlove,

of Montra, Shelby county, Ohio, who continued as his instructor for three years, on the expiration of which period he attended lectures in the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, graduating therein in the class of 1876. He began the practice of his chosen profession at Harper, Logan county, and on the 13th of February, 1877, he came to Saint Paris, where, in partnership with A. Musselman, he embarked in the drug business, the firm of Jones & Musselman succeeding that of Brown & Henderson. This relationship continued for a period of twelve years, after which Mr. Jones became associated with Dr. W. S. Cox, now deceased, in the drug business and the practice of medicine for five years, since which time the business has been carried on under the firm name of Jones & Hunt. In the year 1900 Dr. Jones was appointed United States pension examiner for Champaign county, and he is now president of the board. In October of the same year he was made president and medical director of Parkhurst Willow Bank Institute, of Saint Paris. This institution was established December 1, 1900, by J. E. McMorran, M. L. Bull, M. W. Thomas, C. H. Darnell and C. Jones, the latter being the medical director in charge and president of the association. He abandoned a lucrative practice to give his undivided attention to those seeking relief from alcoholic drinks. The sanitarium is a modern and commodious structure, well adapted to the purpose for which it was designed, and its appointments are all that could be desired. In the building are large reception rooms, a reading room, laboratory and offices, in fact everything for the comfort of the patients, reproducing in a large measure the conveniences of home.

On the 25th of January, 1872, Dr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Sadie Morris, and they became the parents of three children,—Mamie, Xerxes and Foster. The wife and mother was called to the home beyond in October, 1879, and in October, 1880, the Doctor married Miss Julia A. Goodin, the eldest of four daughters born unto David

and Hattie A. Goodin. Six children have blessed the union of Dr. and Mrs. Jones, namely: Cecil V., Oasis G., Caleb, Tracy, Inita and Lowell. The Republican party receives the Doctor's support and co-operation, and he has been elected president of all the Republican clubs organized in Saint Paris. He is a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In his social relations he is past district deputy grand master of Saint Paris Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F.; also past district deputy grand chancellor and past representative of Saint Paris Lodge, No. 344, K. of P.; past master of Pharos Lodge, No. 355, F. & A. M.; and past patriarch of Russell Encampment, No. 141. Throughout the years which mark the period of Dr. Jones' professional career he has met with gratifying success and is recognized as one of the talented members of the profession in the state. He has always stood boldly forth as the champion of progress, and his influence has been exerted at all times on the side of right and truth.

Dr. Jones is the author of a volume entitled "Drunkenness or Modern Ideas on the Liquor Habit," which has recently been issued. The volume consists of one hundred and sixty-four pages and has already attracted a liberal sale.

AZRO SMITH.

The ancestors of Azro Smith as far back as their history can be traced are noted for their sterling traits of character. Thomas Smith, his paternal great-grandfather, was born in England, but between 1730 and 1740 crossed the Atlantic to the new world, locating in Hadley, Massachusetts. His son, Sylvanus Smith, was a native of Connecticut, as was also the latter's second wife, whose maiden name was Amy

Sprague, and they became the grandparents of our subject. Both passed away in their native state. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, probably serving with the Connecticut troops, in which he held the office of ensign.

Sylvanus Smith, Jr., the father of our subject, was one of the two original settlers in Champaign county, the journey from Vermont to this state having been made in a one-horse wagon, and they arrived here in October, 1816, after two months spent upon the road. He was accompanied by his brother Samuel and family. In the fall of 1819 they took up land on the present site of Woodstock, where they erected cabins and there made their home until the following April. Sylvanus Smith proved himself a very useful man in that early day, and creditably filled the office of justice of the peace for thirty years, while for a longer period he filled the position of township treasurer, also holding other local offices. He was a well educated man for that day, was an excellent mathematician and grammarian and always kept in touch with progressive movements. On first coming to the county he purchased one hundred acres of land, the purchase price being three hundred dollars, and later became the owner of one hundred acres adjoining, for which he paid six hundred dollars, while still later a third tract of one hundred acres was added to the homestead, the latter costing twelve hundred dollars. Both he and his wife were members of the Universalist church, they having assisted in the organization of the church of that denomination in this county in 1840, but it was not until 1844 that the first church edifice was built. In his early life he gave his political support to the Whig party, and after the organization of the new Republican party became a supporter of its principles. During the war of 1812 he served with the minute men from Vermont, participating in the battle of Plattsburg, on Lake Champlain, and for his serv-

ices received a month's pay forty years afterward, while later he was given a land warrant for Kansas land.

On the 2d of April, 1812, Mr. Smith married Thankful Kelsey, and one child, Hiram, was born to them before their journey to the Buckeye state, his birth occurring on the 2d of January, 1814. Mrs. Smith was a daughter of Giles and Elizabeth (Post) Kelsey, formerly of New Hampshire and later of Vermont. The father, who was a Revolutionary hero, subsequently made his way to Ohio and for a time made his home with his son-in-law. He now lies buried in the Trieles Creek burying ground. His three son, Josiah, Nathan and Stephen, came to Champaign county in an early day, and here they made their home for many years. Nathan and Josiah both died in Union county, Ohio, and Stephen was a soldier in the war of 1812, participating in the battle of Plattsburg. His death occurred in this county. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith after their arrival in the Buckeye state,—Myron G., Richard S., Lorena E., Samuel G., Azro and Andrew J., but with the exception of Azro the family are all now deceased. Sylvanus Smith was called to his final rest on the 12th of July, 1872, at the age of eighty-four years, eight months and twenty days. His wife, who was born June 29, 1791, at Newport, Connecticut, passed away December 24, 1876.

Azro Smith was born in Champaign county, Ohio, August 20, 1828, and was reared amid the wild scenes of pioneer life. The education which he received in the common schools of the neighborhood was supplemented by a course of study in a select school at Woodstock, and later for one year he was a student in Antioch College, but illness compelled him to abandon further study. In 1849, at the age of twenty years, he again entered the school room as an instructor, his first work along that line being in the public schools of DeWitt and McLean counties, Illinois, where he taught for three winter terms. Returning to his old home in

Champaign county in 1853, he here followed teaching during the winter months, while through the summer seasons he assisted in the work of the farm, thus continuing until his marriage, which occurred on the 9th of March, 1859, Miss Mary Inskeep becoming his wife. She is a daughter of William and Kittura (Warner) Inskeep. After this event Mr. Smith abandoned the work of the school room to take up the duties of farm life, and from that time until a few years ago he was numbered among the leading agriculturists of Champaign county. In 1890 he removed to Humboldt county, Iowa, where he purchased two hundred and forty-five acres of land, and there made his home for the following five years, on the expiration of which period he returned to his native county and has since lived in quiet retirement at Woodstock. He has ever occupied a front rank among the leading and progressive citizens of the community, and has been honored with all the offices within the gift of his township, having served as its clerk, trustee, assessor and as a justice of the peace.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Smith has been blessed with seven children, namely: Lillian T., the wife of A. J. Harlan, of Lincoln county, Kansas; Arthur, who resides in Grant county, Minnesota; Ora A., also of that county; Lucy, the wife of E. C. Hudson, of Champaign county; Kitty, the wife of Charles Rice, of Bowling Green, Ohio; Edith, the wife of Clay McClurg, of Tiffin, Ohio; and Ethel, the wife of A. J. Greenwald, also of Bowling Green. Mrs. Smith is a member of the Universalist church, and in his fraternal relations Mr. Smith is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Woodstock Lodge, No. 167, which he joined in 1853. Since the formation of the Republican party he has stanchly upheld its principles, and during the Civil war, in 1864, he enlisted for one hundred days' service in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. His services were principally in Virginia, where he was engaged in

picket duty in the vicinity of Petersburg. The regiment served twenty days over its term of enlistment, and was mustered out at Camp Chase, Columbus, on the 29th of August, 1864, Mr. Smith leaving the ranks as a first lieutenant. After his return home he received a captain's commission in the Fourth Regiment, National Guards, with which he was identified both before and after his regular service. A few facts concerning the uncles of our subject will prove of interest. Justin lived in Vermont and had a large family, which is now scattered over the Union. Aaron also lived in Vermont and reared a large family. Philip moved to Ohio in 1835, and died when over eighty years of age. Samuel is noticed in the sketch of Joseph Chamberlain in another part of this volume. Jesse was a soldier in the war of 1812 and afterward went to Michigan. Stillman was also a soldier in 1812 and was killed by a cannon ball at Niagara. Lester was married in Vermont, came to Ohio in 1828, reared a family and died when over seventy years of age. Dexter, the youngest, came to Ohio about 1830, reared a family and died in this state.

MASKELL E. MORGAN.

Maskell E. Morgan, who resides in King's Creek, Salem township, was born on the 4th of February, 1830, in the township which is still his place of residence. His father, Edward L. Morgan, was born in Ohio county, Virginia, and was a son of John Morgan, also a native of that county, and in the year 1813 came to Ohio, taking up his abode in Champaign county, where he was recognized as a leading and influential citizen at an early date. He served as justice of the peace for many years and was celebrated for his impartiality and his fidelity to duty. He was of Scotch and Welsh descent.

Edward L. Morgan, the father of our subject, arrived in Champaign county in 1813. He was then a young man and sought better business opportunities in the west than could be found in the old district in which he had been reared. In Salem township he entered land from the government, securing a tract in section 3. With characteristic energy he began the development of a farm and as the years passed the well tilled fields brought forth excellent crops. In politics he was prominent and was a recognized leader in public thought and action. Three times he was chosen to represent his district in the state legislature, and to each question which came up for settlement he gave his earnest consideration, casting his ballot in the way he thought best calculated to advance the interests of his commonwealth. He left the impress of his individuality upon the legislation enacted during his service and well does he deserve to be numbered among the men of prominence in the early history of Ohio. He also served as associate judge in an early day. His political support was first given to the Whig party and upon its dissolution he cast his right of suffrage independently, and having voted for Abraham Lincoln and every man who in his judgment was the best man. His death occurred when he was about eighty-three years of age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Susan Earsom, was born in Hampshire county, Virginia, and there passed the days of girlhood. She came with her parents to Champaign county and was here married to Mr. Morgan. Her father, Simon Earsom, was a native of the Old Dominion and in pioneer times became connected with the development of this portion of the Buckeye state. He was a farmer by occupation and was of German descent. His daughter, Mrs. Morgan, died in the fifty-ninth year of her age. By her marriage she became the mother of eight children, five sons and three daughters, but our subject and his brother are now the only ones living.

Maskell E. Morgan was the eldest son and second child in the

family. When about six years of age he began his education in a log school house in Salem township. It was a primitive structure, the light being admitted through greased paper windows, while the seats were made of slabs and the writing desks formed by placing a number of pins driven into the wall. His primary education, however, was supplemented by study in Urbana and in Delaware, Ohio, and he thus became a well informed man, being equipped for teaching. He entered upon that profession when twenty years of age and followed it during the winter months for about twenty-one years. During two winters he was employed as a teacher in the schools of Urbana. During the summer months he devoted his attention to farming and surveying. His father was a practical surveyor and had filled the office of county surveyor for a number of years, so that our subject was well drilled in this work. He became a practical and progressive representative of that department of labor and also had a broad and comprehensive knowledge of the science of surveying.

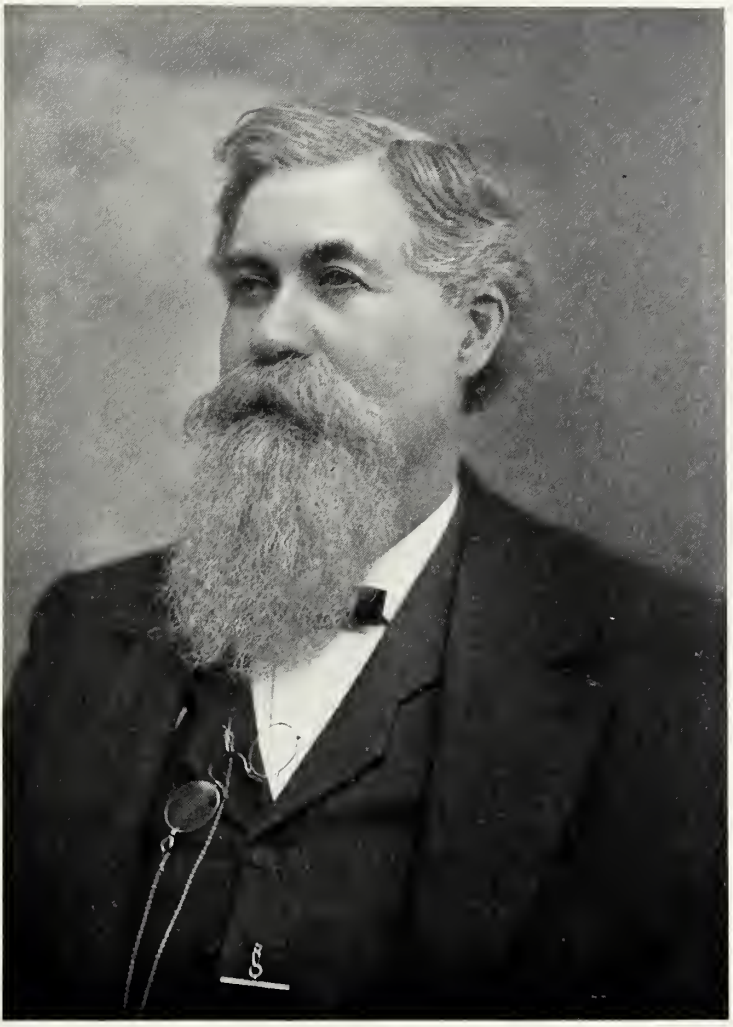
On the 6th of March, 1861, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Morgan and Miss Sarah A. Powell, a native of Champaign county, and a daughter of Timothy and Margaret (Taylor) Powell. The former was a native of Kentucky and the latter of Virginia. They became early settlers of Champaign county, taking up their abode in Salem township after their marriage. In their family were nine children, Mrs. Morgan being the eighth in order of birth. She was reared and educated in Champaign county. Our subject and his bride began their domestic life upon the old home farm in Salem township, where they resided for thirty-nine years, during which time he devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits, surveying and teaching, thus providing a comfortable home for his family. Five children were born unto them, but Edward L. and Mary E. are now deceased. Eliza is the wife of Fred

M. Madden, of Salem township; Emma E. is the widow of Perry G. Ream and William L. married Alpha Williams.

Mr. Morgan gives his political support to the Democracy and has been honored with a number of local offices, having served as trustee for seven years and as assessor for three years, while at the present time he is deputy county surveyor. He is also a prominent Mason, having attained to the Knight Templar degree, member of Raper Commandery, No. 19, and in his life exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft. His career has been a busy and useful one. He has promoted the intellectual activity in his county and in all departments of business with which he has been connected has shown himself to be thorough and trustworthy.

CHARLES H. GANSON.

The history of Urbana would be incomplete without mention of the Hon. Charles H. Ganson, so inseparably has his life record been interwoven with the annals of this municipality and of Champaign county. Honored and respected by all, he has long been a leader in public thought and opinion and his efforts have been of material benefit in the upbuilding and progress of his city. He was born here October 19, 1836, and is a son of William H. and Anulette F. (Toxey) Ganson, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, the former having been born in Chester and the latter in Lancaster county. They were married in the Keystone state and after about a year came to Ohio, making the journey overland. Taking up their abode in Urbana, they spent their remaining days here with the exception of a period of about four years during the boyhood of our subject, when they lived on a farm in this county. The father was at first engaged in agricultural pursuits and afterward



CHARLES H. GANSON.

turned his attention to carriage manufacturing, which he followed for a number of years. He next engaged in the livery business, in which he was succeeded by Mr. Ganson of this review. In his business undertakings he met with a fair degree of success. His political support was given the Democracy in ante-bellum days and later he joined the ranks of the Republican party. He held membership in the Reform Presbyterian church, to which his wife also belonged. Her death occurred in 1847 and he passed away in 1881 at the venerable age of eighty years. In their family were five children: Charles H.; William M., of Illinois; Benjamin F., of Urbana; Anna E. and Emma.

With the exception of a short period spent upon the farm Charles H. Ganson passed the days of his boyhood and youth in his native city, enjoying the privileges offered by the public-school system. When twenty years of age, however, he removed to Illinois and spent ten years in the west, there engaged in farming. On the expiration of that period he returned to Urbana and became his father's successor in the livery business, which he still continues, although his efforts have not been confined to one line, for he is a man of liberal business ability and his labors have been potent elements in the successful conduct of many industries and enterprises. In connection with his stables he has been for many years extensively engaged in buying and selling horses. For thirty years Major Thomas McConnell, now deceased, was his partner. He has frequently been associated in his business undertakings with his brother, B. F. Ganson, and such relations are now existing between them, being a member of the firm of C. H. Ganson & Company, and also of the firm of McConnell & Company, thus being interested in the ownership of two stables. He also has large and valuable farming interests, owning and operating arable land in both Ohio and Illinois. He has a valuable farm of five hundred acres located twenty miles south of Peoria, Illinois, in one of the richest districts

of that splendid agricultural state. He is also president of and a large stockholder in the Urbana Electric Light & Power Company. Whatever he undertakes he carries forward to successful completion, brooking no obstacles that can be overcome by prudence and honorable effort and to-day he occupies a commanding position in business circles, not alone on account of his keen discernment and unfaltering industry, but also because of the honorable methods he has ever followed.

In 1857 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Ganson and Miss Jennie Rawalt, of Canton, Illinois, and their home has been blessed with two children: Emma and Jonas Randolph. He is connected with the Masonic fraternity and the Knights of Pythias lodge, and is a consistent member and liberal contributor to the Swedenborgian church. His deep interest in agricultural affairs has long been manifested in helpful lines, and for twenty years he has been honored with the presidency of the Champaign County Agricultural Society, which has largely benefited by his efforts in its behalf. He has also been president from the beginning—a period of ten years—of the Mad River & Miami Fair Circuit now composed of fourteen fairs. Along these lines he has done everything in his power to stimulate pride in agricultural and stock raising interests, and his labors have resulted largely to the benefit of the farmer. In politics he is a pronounced Republican and no one need ever question his position, for while he is never bitterly aggressive he never fears to state with clearness his belief. He has been honored with public office, including that of alderman, having been a member of the city council of Urbana for five years, while for three years of that time he was its presiding officer. His record as mayor is unparalleled in the history of the city, for through sixteen years he has been the chief executive of Urbana. He filled this office for some years and then after an interval of two years was again chosen and continued as the chief executive until 1898, when he retired from office as he had

entered it, with the confidence and good will of all concerned. His administration has ever been practical and progressive, has brought many needed reforms and improvements and he has ever exercised his official prerogatives for the benefit of the public and not for self-aggrandizement. Over the record of his public career and private life there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil and justly does he deserve the confidence and respect which is uniformly accorded him.

JAMES F. McILVAINE.

Upon a farm in section 31, Salem township, resides James F. McIlvaine, who is a worthy representative of the great department of labor of which George Washington said: "Agriculture is the most useful as well as the highest occupation of man." He was born in Salem township, on the 26th of April, 1845, and comes of an old Kentucky family. His paternal grandfather, Samuel McIlvaine, resided in the Blue Grass state and thinking to more rapidly acquire a competence he removed to Ohio, settling in Champaign county, about 1808, in the pioneer epoch of its history. Here he entered land from the government, becoming the owner of a tract in Salem township, upon which not a furrow had been cultivated, but his unremitting diligence soon wrought a transformation and his farm is to-day a valuable and productive one. Moses McIlvaine, the father of our subject, was born in Kentucky, and was a youth of nine summers when he accompanied his parents to Ohio. He soon understood just what all the hardships and privation as well as the pleasures of pioneer life were, and he assisted in the arduous task of developing a new farm and continued to carry on agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred when he was sixty-seven years

of age. He had passed almost his entire life in Champaign county. He attended and supported the Christian church of West Liberty and in his political views was first a Whig and then a Republican. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Sarah Black, and she, too, was born in Kentucky, a daughter of Alexander Black, who became one of the first settlers of Champaign county, arriving here about 1809. Mr. and Mrs. McIlvaine made their home in Salem township, where they spent their entire lives from the time of their marriage until they were called to the home beyond. Their union was blessed with six sons and four daughters, and of this family our subject is the youngest and the only one now living.

In the township of his nativity James F. McIlvaine was reared and educated. At the usual age he entered the district school in a log building, where the furnishings were primitive and the methods of instruction almost equally so. He was thus engaged until he had mastered the common branches of English learning. His training at farm labor, however, was not neglected, for he assisted in the cultivation and improvement of the old homestead farm. In 1872 he married Emma Donovan, a native of Franklin county, Ohio, and a daughter of Joseph and Harriet Donovan, who was reared in Franklin county.

The young couple began their domestic life upon the old farm homestead and thence came to their present home in Salem township, where Mr. McIlvaine is successfully carrying on agricultural pursuits. He thoroughly understands farm work in all its departments, giving his attention to the crops best adapted to the climate, and his efforts have resulted in bringing to him a well merited prosperity. He is one of the stockholders of the Farmers' Bank of West Liberty and also owns property in that town. His farm comprises one hundred and forty-two acres of land and his attention to the cultivation of cereals best adapted

to the climate, as well as his success in the raising of stock, have brought him good returns.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. McIlvaine has been blessed with three children: Arthur Burleigh, who is cashier of the Farmers' Bank of West Liberty; Hattie, deceased, and Harry, at home. Mr. McIlvaine exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party and he is one of its leading representatives in the county. He has spent his entire life in Salem township, covering a period of fifty-seven years, and his course has been honorable and straightforward, gaining for him the respect of all with whom he has been associated. He has placed his dependence upon industry, perseverance and determination, seeking no outside aid or influence and in his business career has steadily advanced from a humble financial position to one of affluence.

JOHN A. SEATON.

For many years a representative agriculturist of Champaign county, honored and respected in every class of society, Mr. Seaton has long been a leader in thought and action in the public life of his community. He was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, August 7, 1829. His father, William Seaton, was a native of the north of Ireland, and about 1828 crossed the Atlantic to America, locating in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where he followed his trade of a stone-mason for some time and afterward embarked in the mercantile business in Washington county, that state. In 1847 he took up his abode in Adams county, Ohio, and there devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred at the age of sixty years. He gave his political support to the Democratic party, and religiously was a member of the

United Presbyterian church. In his native land he was united in marriage to Jane Patterson, also a native of the north of Ireland, and her death occurred at the age of forty years. This worthy couple were the parents of six children, five daughters and a son, but the daughters are all deceased.

John A. Seaton, the only son in the above family, was but one year old when he was taken by his parents to Washington county, Pennsylvania, and there he remained until his seventeenth year, during which time he attended the public schools and assisted in his father's store. Accompanying his parents on their removal to Adams county, Ohio, he there remained until 1853, and from that time until 1856 made his home in Champaign county. In the latter year he went to Illinois, and after spending a year in Hancock and other counties in that state returned to his parents' home in Adams county, Ohio. In 1861, at the outbreak of the Civil war, he nobly offered his services to the Union cause, and as a member of Company I, Thirty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, served as a loyal soldier for two years and ten months. During this period he was sent to St. Louis, Missouri, where he remained for three weeks, when, under the command of General Fremont, he was ordered with his regiment to follow Price through Missouri. In the fall of 1861 our subject became ill at Chillicothe, Missouri, and was ordered to the hospital at Quincy, Illinois. When sufficiently recovered he was there made master of the convalescent ward, after which he was promoted to the position of acting steward, and in 1863 received the appointment of regimental hospital steward, serving in the last named position until his discharge. In the city of Quincy, Illinois, in 1863, he was married to Eliza Jane Wallace, but after a happy married life of only nine months she was called to her final rest. In 1864 Mr. Seaton returned to Adams county, Ohio, where he was employed in a store for a time, and in 1866 came to Champaign county. On his arrival here

he located in Salem township, where he has ever since devoted his attention to farming and stock-raising.

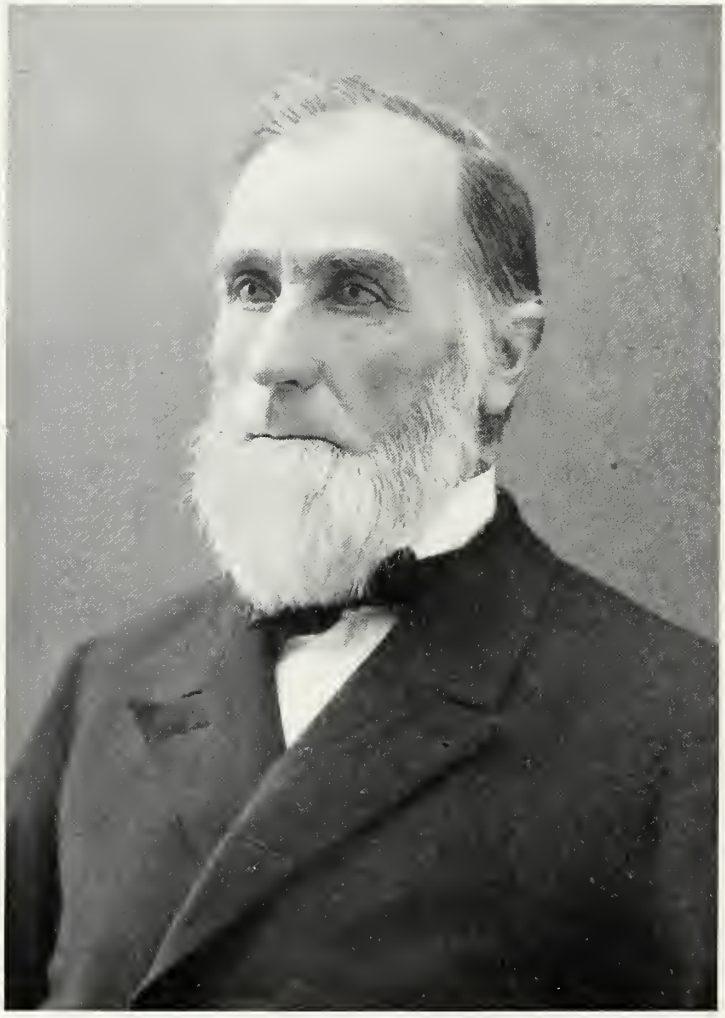
In 1866, in Champaign county, he was united in marriage to Sarah Stewart, born on King's creek, in Salem township, and a daughter of Mathew Stewart. Two sons were born of this union,—Mathew Stewart, who married Effie Pearce and makes his home with his father, and Charles William, at home. The wife and mother was called to the home beyond on the 1st of January, 1902, when she had passed the age of three score years and ten. Throughout the years of his manhood Mr. Seaton has given an unfaltering support to the principles of the Republican party, and on its ticket in 1893 was elected to the position of county infirmary director, continuing an incumbent in that office for six years. For a period of five years he served his township with efficiency as trustee, and one year before his term of office expired he resigned that position to again take up the duties of county infirmary director. He has also served as a school director for nine years. He maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades of the blue by his membership with W. A. Brand Post, G. A. R., of Urbana.

JAMES A. LEE.

James A. Lee is a prominent, progressive and intelligent farmer of Mad River township, Champaign county, residing on section 14. He was born in this township, March 17, 1852. His father, William Lee, was a native of Berkeley county, Virginia, born March 25, 1810, and when only three years old was brought by his parents to Champaign county. His father, John Lee, was also a native of the Old Dominion, and in the year 1813 emigrated westward to Ohio, becoming one of the pioneer settlers of this portion of the state. He took up his abode

in the midst of the grown forest, where he developed an excellent farm, upon which he spent his remaining days. His remains were then interred in the old cemetery near the Children's Home north of Urbana. It was in Mad River township that William Lee was reared and educated. He lost his father when only about six years old and his mother then came to this township, settling in the midst of the forest, upon a farm now owned by Le Roy Bowers. There she reared her four sons and one daughter, of whom William Lee was the second in order of birth. Throughout his remaining days he was identified with agricultural interests in Mad River township and through seventy-five years he traveled life's journey an honored and respected man. After arriving at years of maturity he married Susanna Blose, who was born in Virginia and with her parents came to Champaign county, the family settling in Mad River township during her early girlhood. Her father, John Blose, was born in Virginia and in pioneer days became an active factor in the early development of this portion of the state. His daughter, Mrs Lee, died in her sixty-ninth year. By her marriage she had become the mother of fifteen children, six sons and nine daughters, all of whom reached years of maturity, with the exception of two sons that died in infancy. Of the remainder only one had passed away before the death of the mother.

James A. Lee is the youngest son and twelfth child. He was reared in Mad River township and the district schools afforded him his educational privileges, while his training at farm work was received in field and meadow. On the 2nd of February, 1881, was celebrated his marriage to Rachel R. Dredge, who was born in Springfield township, Clark county, Ohio, March 15, 1858, her parents being John and Frances (Wingert) Dredge, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, in which state they were reared and married, coming thence to Clark county, Ohio, in the year 1853. The father was a miller by occupation.



John H. Clark

Mrs. Lee was their fifth child and third daughter and in Clark county she was reared and educated, completing her studies in the high school at Lawrenceville, after which she engaged in teaching for about two years. The Lee home is one of the best residences in the township and was erected in 1890. It was planned and designed by our subject and is a monument to his architectural skill as well as to his business thrift. He has one hundred and six acres of land under a high state of cultivation and in connection with general farming is engaged in the manufacture of butter. Mr. and Mrs. Lee have no children of their own, but have reared two children, who are now married and at the present time they have a boy living with them, Eugene Gudten, who will be taken care of by our subject. Wilber Falk, whom our subject reared, is now married to F. F. Cook. He also reared Elba Shrader, who married Samuel Edwards, and they at present have no children. Mr. Lee gives his political support to the Democracy and has been a member of the school board for several years. His wife is a member of Brethren in Christ church and both are highly esteemed throughout the community, where their circle of friends is almost co-extensive with their circle of acquaintances.

JOHN H. CLARK, M. D.

A name inseparably associated with the highest development of medical science in Champaign county is that of John H. Clark, who was born on a farm in Union township, this county, September 28, 1829, and died in Mechanicsburg, the city for whose all around well being he had so faithfully labored, in 1901.

Stephen Clark, the father of John H., was one of the very first white children born in Champaign county, whither his parents, John

and Phœbe (Mintern) Clark, had removed from New Jersey at a very early day. The family is of English descent, and the emigrating ancestor came to America long before the Revolutionary war. Stephen Clark was a farmer by occupation, and spent his early life in Ohio, although he eventually removed to Illinois, and died there at the age of sixty-two years. He married Hannah Jones, also a native of Champaign county, and a daughter of Abraham and Mrs. (Howard) Jones, Quakers from Pennsylvania, and pioneers of this county. Of the children born to Stephen Clark and his wife, John H. was perhaps the most ambitious, his natural energy and aggressiveness being evinced on the home farm when he was yet a boy. He attended the public schools of his neighborhood, and later the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, and his professional training was received at the Starling Medical College, at Columbus, Ohio, from which he graduated in 1853. His first practice was undertaken at Mutual, in his native county, and in 1859 he located in Decatur, Illinois, removing two years later to his permanent home in Mechanicsburg. During the Civil war the Doctor served for three months on the United States Sanitary Commission, and from March 1, 1874, until May of 1876, he was medical superintendent of the Asylum for the Insane at Dayton, Ohio. With the exception of these two absences Dr. Clark had been continuously associated with professional work in Mechanicsburg, and he arose to a truly enviable position as a physician and surgeon. He was a member of the Champaign County and Ohio State Medical Societies, as well as the American Medical Association, and was an occasional contributor to medical journals. In 1870 he was president of the County Medical Society. In political affiliation he was a Democrat, and he was a member of the Episcopal church. Fraternally he was associated with the Masons.

In 1852 Dr. Clark married Elenor, daughter of William Williams, a most estimable pioneer of Champaign county. Mr. Williams was

born in Maryland March 30, 1810, a son of John W. and Eleanor (De Vall) Williams, natives of Maryland, and of Welsh and French descent respectively. In 1834 Mr. Williams married Ann Clegett, born in Maryland in 1811, and soon after their marriage the parents came to Champaign county, where the father engaged in mercantile business in Mechanicsburg with considerable success. His wife died in 1862, and his second wife was formerly Elizabeth Boswell. Mr. Williams died in 1887, and his wife died a few years after. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a stanch believer in Republican principles. The county contained no more honored or respected citizen. Mrs. Clark, who survives her husband, has one son living, William by name, who is now operating in the lead and zinc mines of Missouri. Dr. Clark was president of the Farmers' Bank at Mechanicsburg for many years.

CAPT. CHARLES WARREN GUY.

Captain Charles W. Guy, a prominent representative of the business interests of Mechanicsburg and a member of the Farmers' Elevator Company, was born in Madison county, Ohio, November 8, 1843, and is a son of William and Adelaide (Fullington) Guy, whose history will be found in the sketch of E. A. Guy in this volume. Our subject was reared to years of maturity in Pike township, Madison county, Ohio, and in its public schools he received the educational advantages which it was his privilege to enjoy in his youth, while later he became a student in the Mechanicsburg high school and the Delaware University. When eighteen years of age, in 1862, he voluntarily offered his service for three years to the Union cause, entering the army as a member of Company D, Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He entered the ranks as a pri-

vate, but for meritorious conduct on the field of battle was soon promoted to the position of first sergeant, later was made first lieutenant of Company G, and subsequently became captain of Company K, serving in the latter capacity until his discharge from the service at the close of the struggle in 1865. During his military career he participated in the hard-fought battles of the war in which his regiment took part, including those of Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Ringold, Georgia, and was with Sherman on his celebrated march to the sea. He was on duty continually from the time he entered the service until the struggle had passed, and during that time, although he was ever in the thickest of the fight, he was never wounded or captured. He was ever found at his post of duty, loyally upholding the starry banner, and his war record is one of which he has every reason to be proud, having re-enlisted with the regiment in 1864, thereby becoming a veteran soldier.

After his return to the old homestead Mr. Guy at once resumed the labors of the farm, and is now the owner of his father's old homestead, which consists of two hundred and eighty acres, and he and his wife also own another tract of two hundred and twenty acres, which is the old Kennedy homestead. He continued to make his home in Pike township until 1894, when he removed to Mechanicsburg and took charge of the Farmers' Elevator, of which he is now one of the stockholders and managers, and is also a stockholder and director in the Central Bank of Mechanicsburg. His reputation in all trade transactions is above question and to an unusual degree he enjoys the confidence and regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact through business dealings. He is a close student of the questions and issues of the day, and his political support is given to the principles of the Republican party. While residing in Madison county he served for a time as a

justice of the peace, and also as trustee of Pike township. For two years he served as president of the school board of Mechanicsburg.

The marriage of Mr. Guy was celebrated in 1879, when Miss Florence E. Kennedy became his wife. She, too, is a native of Madison county and is a daughter of John H. and Abigail (Mitchell) Kennedy, who were members of pioneer families and large land owners of that county. Mrs. Guy is the eldest of their three children, and the knowledge which she received in the public schools of her native county was supplemented by a course in the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio, where she enjoyed superior advantages. By her marriage to Mr. Guy she has become the mother of two children, a son and a daughter. The elder, Earl W., received his education in the Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio, and is now assisting in the duties of the farm. The daughter, Irma Belle, is a graduate of the Mechanicsburg high school, of the Ohio Wesleyan University, of Delaware, Ohio, and the Cincinnati School of Music. In his social relations Captain Guy is a member of the Stephen Baxter Post, No. 88, of Mechanicsburg, of which he has been commander. He is also identified with the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in the blue lodge, chapter and Raper Commandery of Urbana. He is a broad-minded, progressive man and a public-spirited citizen, and in all life's relations is found true to the duties of business and social life.

MRS. HESTER WEST.

Mrs. Hester West, one of the most highly esteemed residents of Jackson township, Champaign county, is the widow of William West. The West family has been identified with the history of Champaign county almost since its organization. The great-grandfather of William

West was governor of Maryland under the British crown, and the family is of English descent. The grandfather, Byel West, was born in Maryland, and was a soldier under Washington throughout the period of the Revolutionary war. He with three brothers served for seven years, and when they finally returned to their home they found that their parents had passed away in death. Stockwell West, the father, was born in Maryland in 1790, and in 1808 he came with an uncle, Adamson Cowhick, to Champaign county, Ohio, where they erected a small pole cabin at what is now Big Spring, on Honey creek, Jackson township. About 1812 the family located on another branch of Honey creek. Mr. West took the place of a younger brother in the war of 1812, in which he served as a private, and during that struggle he assisted in building Fort McCarty. In this neighborhood the Indians murdered three men, and Mr. West assisted in their burial. He spent nearly his entire life in Jackson township, and cleared and improved the farm now owned by a Mr. McCarty and others. He was a well known and influential resident of his locality, and long served as a superintendent and trustee of his township. His political support was given the Whig party, and on the place where he had so long resided he passed away in death on the 4th of July, 1852, dying in the faith of the Baptist church, of which he was a worthy and consistent member and for a long period served as deacon of the Honey creek church.

On the 30th of May, 1816, in Jackson township, Stockwell West was united in marriage to Elizabeth Merritt, a native of Virginia and a daughter of John and Margaret (Stroup) Merritt. The latter was born in Germany, her father having been a burgomaster there, and she was a very handsome woman. When a child she was brought by her mother to America. John Merritt was born in Virginia, where he was a member of a prominent old family, and about 1810 he came to Champaign county, Ohio, where he entered nine quarter sections of land in Jackson

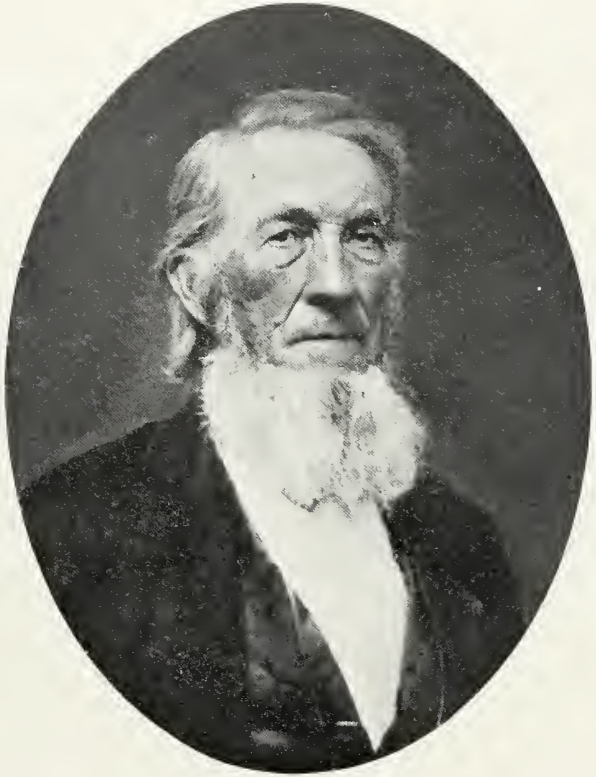
township, which he afterward divided among his children, giving to each a quarter section and retaining the same amount for himself. He was one of the oldest settlers of the locality, and his death occurred at the age of ninety-two years. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Stockwell West located on the farm on which Mrs. William West now resides, and there the father passed away at the age of sixty-two years, but the mother reached the age of eighty-six years. This worthy couple became the parents of nine children, five sons and three daughters, namely: John, who died at the age of twenty-five years; William, who reached the good old age of eighty-four years; Sarah, who died at the age of twenty-four years; David, who passed away at the age of twenty-five years; James, deceased at the age of twenty-four years; Mary, who died at the early age of twenty-two years; Henry, a resident of Champaign county; and Jerry, the youngest of the family.

William West, the second son in the above family, was born in Jackson township, Champaign county, Ohio, July 13, 1818, and in the place of his birth he spent his entire life. Throughout his active business career he followed the tilling of the soil, and in his political views he was a Republican, having on its ticket been elected to many positions of honor and trust. As a companion on the journey of life he chose Miss Hester Grafton, who was also born in Jackson township, Champaign county, November 18, 1822. Her father, Ambrose Grafton, was a native of Virginia, and was one of the early pioneers of this county. He, too, was a farmer by occupation, and he lived to the age of seventy-nine years. He married Elizabeth Kelley, also a native of the Old Dominion, but in her girlhood she was brought by her parents to Champaign county. They became the parents of thirteen children, of whom Mrs. West is the fourth in order of birth, and all were born in this county. In 1848 Mrs. West gave her hand in marriage to William West, and they had three children,—John, who died at the age of five

years; George W., a farmer of Jackson township; and Henry C., who makes his home with his mother. The mother of this family has now reached the age of eighty years, and she still resides on the old West homestead in Jackson township, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres, the work of which is carried on by her sons. Her many admirable qualities and social nature render her popular among a large circle of friends in Jackson township. Mr. West was called from the scenes of earth's activities in 1900, but his memory is still enshrined in the hearts of his many friends.

AARON B. FUNK.

For more than two-thirds of a century Aaron B. Funk has been a resident of Champaign county, and his memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present, for he has not only watched with interest the progress of others, showing the trend of civilization and improvement, but has borne his part in the work of advancement. He now resides in section 23, Salem township, and it was in this township that his birth occurred on the 8th of October, 1833. His father, Joel Funk, was a native of Maryland and was there reared, also spending a portion of his youth in Pennsylvania. The paternal grandfather, Jacob Funk, died in Maryland or Pennsylvania. He was descended from one of the three brothers that came from Holland at a very early period in the history of this country and settled on the Atlantic coast. The father of our subject was married in Maryland and there took up his abode, following the occupation of milling for some time. In the year 1816 he arrived in Ohio, coming to this state on a visit, but being pleased with the prospect he returned to make it his permanent residence, in 1829, bringing his family. The journey



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was made by teams and they were twenty-nine days in crossing the country. He settled in Salem township, where he secured a tract of wild land and began the development of a farm, and as the years advanced this land returned to him an excellent income. There his remaining days were spent and he departed this life in 1861, at the age of seventy-two years. He was a very prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, active in its work and a liberal contributor to its support. He voted the Whig ticket until the organization of the Union party, when he became a Republican and continued one of its earnest supporters until his demise. He filled the office of justice of the peace and was a delegate to the Baltimore convention that nominated Bell and Everett in 1860. His interest in politics was deep and sincere and as all American citizens should do he kept well informed concerning the issues of the day. He married Elizabeth Kanaga, a native of Pennsylvania, where she was reared and married. She was brought up in the faith of the Mennonite church, but became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. She lived to be about eighty-four years of age. Her father was Christopher Kanaga, who was of German lineage, and thus the blood of German and Holland ancestors flows in the veins of our subject. His parents had a family of eight children, five of whom reached adult age, three sons and two daughters, but only two of the number are now living, the sister being Mrs. Caroline Share, of Minnesota.

Mr. Funk, of this review, was the seventh child and fifth son and is the only representative of this family in the county. He was reared in his native township, pursuing his education in the log school house of the early days. He remained at home during the days of his youth, assisting in the cultivation and development of the home farm and thus his experience well fitted him to carry on agricultural pursuits on his own account.

On the 13th of November, 1860, Mr. Funk was united in marriage to Sarah Russell, a native of Champaign county, who was born in Concord township January 31, 1836. Her parents were James and Julia (Mitchell) Russell. Her father was a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, and was about a year old when brought by his parents to Champaign county, Ohio, the former settling in Concord township. There he was married and made his home through most of his remaining days, but died in Salem township in 1897, at the ripe old age of eighty-five years. His wife reached even a more extreme old age, departing this life at the age of eighty-eight. In their family were nine children, of whom two are now living, Mrs. Funk and Mrs. Dellie Outran, who makes her home with her son in Salem township. Mrs. Funk was the second of the nine children and was reared in Concord township, the public schools of that locality furnishing her early educational privileges, and later she became a student in the school of Belle Fountain.

Our subject and his wife began their domestic life upon the farm where they are still living. They have no children of their own, but have cared for some adopted children. Mr. Funk has given his attention to the conduct of his farm, which comprises one hundred and forty acres. He has also been engaged in the grain business, buying and selling grain to a considerable extent in connection with his farming operations. His entire life has been passed in Salem township, with the exception of a period of seven years, during which time he was engaged in the grain and stock business in Urbana, when he rented his farm. He is a stanch Republican, giving his unfaltering support to the principles of the party. As a member of the craft he belongs to King Creek Lodge, F. & A. M., which he joined at the time of its organization. He now has been a good Mason for forty-five years. For some years previous he was a member of the West Liberty Lodge in Logan county. He is identified through membership relations with the Methodist Epis-

copal church at Kings Creek is serving as one of its board of trustees and is a most active worker in its behalf, doing all in his power to promote its growth and extend its influence. Mr. Funk has led a useful and upright life and has gained the high regard of young and old, rich and poor. He is a worthy representative of an honorable pioneer family and at all times his career has been such as to reflect credit upon an untarnished family name. Abner Riddle was a nephew of Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell, Mrs. Arom being a cousin a third removed. The Riddles were a very old and honored family of Mifflin county, Pennsylvania.

JOHN R. MOODY.

The life history of him whose name heads this sketch is closely identified with the history of Champaign county, which has been his home throughout nearly his entire life. His career has been one of untiring activity, has been crowned with a degree of success, and none more than he deserves a fitting recognition among the men in this section of the state.

Mr. Moody was born in Mechanicsburg, Ohio, June 3, 1848, a son of Moses U. and Mariah (Guy) Moody, the former a native of New Hampshire and the latter of Canada. The father came with his parents to Champaign county in a very early day, and the mother's people were also among the pioneers of this locality, and both became prominent and successful school teachers, teaching in both Madison and Champaign counties. Their marriage was celebrated in Madison county, and they became the parents of five children, our subject being the second child and only son. The father was called to his final rest at the age of fifty-three years, but the mother reached the age of three score years and ten.

The educational advantages which Mr. Moody, of this review, received in his youth were those afforded by the district schools of Union

township, and after completing his studies he was for five years engaged in teaching in those same schools, while for one year he was employed in the school at Mutual. After his marriage he located on a farm in Union township, but after a time removed to Mechanicsburg. He carried on agricultural pursuits on the old home farm in Union township, there remaining until the fall of 1891, when he removed to Schuyler county, Missouri. After a short residence there of two years he returned to the Buckeye state, locating on the farm which he now owns and occupies. His landed possessions now consist of one hundred and ninety acres, one hundred and fifty-seven of which are located in Union and the remainder in Goshen township. By close application and earnest labor he has worked his way steadily upward, until to-day he stands among the foremost representatives of agricultural interests in his section of the Buckeye state.

In September, 1868, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Moody and Miss Serepta Bowen. She, too, is a native of Goshen township, Champaign county. Unto this union have been born four living children, as follows: Carl E., who is married and resides on a farm in Union township; Lula, the wife of Will Millice, a farmer of Goshen township; and Maggie and Laura, at home. In politics Mr. Moody is a stanch Republican and keeps well informed on the issues of the day. He has served his township as its trustee, and has ever taken an active interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of his locality.

JOHN ENOCH.

John Enoch, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Redstone Fort, near Uniontown, Pennsylvania, August 2, 1773, when the Indians had it under siege. At the age of twenty he was married to

John Evans

Miss Mary Tucker, of Elizabethtown, New Jersey. In the fall of 1797 he descended the Ohio river in a flat-bottomed boat, landing at Fort Washington, now the city of Cincinnati. He settled on a farm near Middletown, Butler county, Ohio. It was at this place that the subject of this biography was born, in the territory of Ohio, on the 12th of June, 1802, in a Buckeye cabin. In 1808 Mr. Enoch moved to a farm near Franklin, Warren county, Ohio, and built mills there. In the fall of 1810 he moved to a farm five miles west of Springfield, Ohio, near a small town called New Boston, the birthplace of the famous Shawnee Indian chief, Tecumseh. In the fall of 1812 he moved to his estate, comprising three thousand acres, in the Mad river and Macachuk valleys, to the place where General A. S. Pratt's mill stands. In that day very few advantages of civilization were enjoyed by the settlers in this locality. Mr. Enoch sent his wheat to a mill on the site where the village of Kingston is situated, following an Indian trail, they being the only outlined paths in the country. The mill was operated by a Mr. Taylor. The prairie fires swept the country annually, destroying all vegetation. There was but one habitation from Macachuk to Kingston, and that was a cabin occupied by a Mr. Smith. War was declared shortly after Mr. Enoch's arrival at Macachuk, which created great alarm among the settlers. Much of their property was pressed into the service and Mr. Enoch shared this misfortune largely with the other settlers. In the fall of 1813 he moved his family to Urbana, and resided in a two-story log house on the present site of Grace Methodist Episcopal church. In March, 1814, he returned to Macachuk. In 1815 he moved to the place where West Liberty is located and built a mill and residence there, both of which are standing intact to-day. In 1817 he gave the land and laid out the town, the plat being drawn by Thomas Thompson. Previous to Mr. Enoch's arrival at Macachuk a great many Indians resided in this part of the state, representing the Shawnee, Seneca

and Wyandotte tribes. One of their towns was located on Mr. Enoch's estate, called Macachuk, situated a short distance from his home, on the site where Mr. Nash's residence stands. Wappatomica was situated near the village of Zanesfield. These towns were deserted when Mr. Enoch came to Macachuk. A mound is still distinguishable on Mr. Enoch's farm where the young warriors performed their athletic sports or tested the speed of their horses, while the older members of the tribes sat on the mound to witness and pass judgment on their skill and dexterity. At the declaration of war the friendly Indians moved to the northern part of Ohio, making Upper Sandusky their nucleus. Mononcue was the head chief of the Wyandotte tribe. Between-the-Logs and Jocco were other chiefs of the same tribe. The subject of this sketch told me he was personally acquainted with them and frequently met them when he visited Upper Sandusky. In 1833 he was a guest of Chief Jocco, who entertained him in the most hospitable manner. His residence was neat and comfortable in all of its appointments. In the evening before retiring he called all of his household together and offered up a most earnest and devout invocation to the "Great Spirit." Mr. Enoch was a lover of fine horses and owned several fine representatives of the race course. His son remarked to me that the first service he ever performed was to take stems out of corn blades to feed his father's race horses. Mr. Enoch learned the trade of milling in his father's mill at West Liberty, and served a large patronage, many of them being Indians. In 1820 Mr. Enoch cut the first road from Bellefontaine to Fort Finley. In this undertaking his son aided him by carrying supplies and superintending the preparation of them for use. At this period Mr. Enoch's business career began under the espionage of his father, who sent him to the markets on the northern frontier with herds of beef cattle to be disposed of by him at Monroe, Browns Town and Detroit, Michigan, to French and British traders. These journeys in-

volved much danger and many hardships, but Mr. Enoch's undaunted courage and strong determination carried him through successfully. At one time he was obliged to cross his cattle at the head of Lake Erie over the ice a distance of seven miles. This was a hazardous venture, but he succeeded without harm.

On July 25, 1822, Mr. Enoch married Miss Elizabeth Kelly, a native of Augusta county, Virginia. She was born April 9, 1803, and was of German extraction, endowed with rare qualities of mind and heart, a woman of remarkable powers of administration, and one in whose character the Christian graces were beautifully illustrated all through her long, active and useful life. A short period after their marriage they established a permanent home on a tract of four hundred acres in the Macachuk valley, in Salem township, Champaign county. Here Mr. Enoch followed his chosen vocations of farming and stock raising. By reason of his industry, keen foresight, strong purpose and unfaltering energy he became the possessor of one of the finest stock and grain farms in the state of Ohio, besides a desirable farm in Illinois. In the early period of his career he traveled extensively over the states of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, buying herds of cattle and driving them to his home farms, where they were fed and grazed for the eastern markets. Before the day of railroads Mr. Enoch drove several of his herds to the markets at Philadelphia and New York City. These journeys required a duration of over two months, leaving his home usually about the first of April and reaching their destination the middle of June. Mr. Enoch followed his business of preparing some of the best herds of beef cattle that went from this part of the west to the eastern markets for over a half century. He was a fine judge of a bullock, and his judgment and opinions were sought after and had high standing during the whole of his long life given to this business. In conjunction with Governor Vance and other noted stockmen he was conspicuous in breeding

Shorthorn cattle, and in encouraging the farmers to improve their stock. He was a lover of well-bred horses and owned many specimens of that class, and few men could handle a team with the skill or sit a saddle horse with the grace and elegance that Mr. Enoch could. At the age of eighty years a lady friend decorated his horse in the streets of West Liberty with a wreath of beautiful flowers as an expression of her admiration of his high order of horsemanship. The subject of this sketch had natural fitness for other pursuits. His intelligence, high character, prominent and wide acquaintance, coupled with his great energy and fine social qualities, would have made him a favorite candidate for political honors in his party, but he shrank from such notoriety. He took, however, an active part in political matters and did all that a liberal-minded, honorable man could to promote the welfare of his party. As a Whig he voted his first presidential ticket for John Quincy Adams in 1824, and continued to vote for Whig candidates until the dissolution of that party. He then became an enthusiastic member of the Republican party, probably never allowing an election to pass without recording his vote during his long and active life. The same golden principle that distinguished him as a business man characterized him as a Christian and made him a sincere and reliable citizen in all the walks of life. Mr. Enoch's educational facilities were limited, but his strong common sense and keen powers of observation overcame this defect in a large degree and made him a most agreeable conversationalist and fair scholar. He was of Welsh extraction and was said to bear a strong resemblance to that type. In personal appearance John Enoch was tall and commanding, having a strong body, well organized in every way to endure the active outdoor life which he led and which was not interrupted by any illness worthy of mention for a period of over three-quarters of a century. He was a man of courtly manners and warm friendships, and had a pleasant greet-

ing for all he met. In his home a generous hospitality and warm welcome was extended to all by himself and his amiable wife. The last twelve months of his life he was confined to his room by severe illness, with much suffering, which he bore patiently until the end, which came one peaceful Sabbath day, the 7th of July, 1889, when he passed over to where "the wicked cease to trouble, and the weary are at rest," closing a good and useful life at the age of four score and seven years.

JOHN P. KNIGHT.

We of this electrical twentieth century, with its strenuous energies and magnificent potentialities, can not afford to hold in light esteem the record of worthy lives and noble deeds, and it is duty for every man to be mindful of those of his ancestors who have wrought well in the days past. The subject of this review is one of the representative citizens of Urbana township, Champaign county, where he has spent the greater portion of his life, being now a retired farmer. His genealogy is such as to offer to him a source of just pride and gratification, and in this article a resumé of the same will be given.

John P. Knight traces his lineage back through three generations to Rev. John Corbly, the father of his great-grandmother, Priscilla (Corbly) Knight. Rev. John Corbly was born in England, in 1733, and, emigrating to America in his youth, he became identified with those early Christian pioneers who labored amid the dangers of a new country to establish the gospel. He first labored in Virginia, and here he was not only persecuted in divers ways for his preaching, but was also thrown into jail. But the jail bars could not confine his missionary ambition nor restrain his zeal, for he preached from the jail to thousands who

were attracted by his native eloquence and unabated enthusiasm. The violence of his persecution in Virginia finally becoming intolerable, he removed into southwestern Pennsylvania, which was then a veritable wilderness, and there he assisted his colaborers in the establishing of churches. This necessitated the dangerous task of traveling from place to place through forests infested by the treacherous Indians. On one Sunday morning he and his wife and five children started from their home at Grand Station, near Redstone Fort, to hold services at a meeting-house about one and one-half miles distant. Before they had reached their destination Mr. Corbly discovered that he had forgotten his hymn book, and returned to his home for the same, his family in the meanwhile continuing on their way to the church. During the short period of his absence his unprotected wife and five children were fired upon by Indians concealed in the woods, and all were shot except two daughters, who were caught, scalped and left for dead. These two girls, named Elizabeth and Delilah, aged six and eight years respectively, were afterward found and resuscitated, this tragic event occurring about the year 1788. John Corbly died about 1815, having had a very successful ministry, despite the obstacles that were imposed in his pathway. He was married three times. The wife thus killed was his second wife, and the five children were all born of this marriage. His third wife survived him and became the wife of Matthias Corwin, father of Hon. Thomas Corwin, the distinguished statesman of Ohio, who served as governor of the state, as United States senator and as secretary of the treasury. Of the two daughters who survived the massacre, Elizabeth never married, while Delilah became the wife of Levi Martin, and they were the grandparents of Delilah Martin Knight, wife of Stephen Knight, who lived in Troy, Ohio, where his death occurred July 6, 1895, while she passed away in 1836.

The lineage of John P. Knight, the subject of this sketch, thus goes

back to Priscilla Corbly, daughter of Rev. John Corbly and his first wife. His great-grandfather, William Knight, married Priscilla, and of their children we are enabled to incorporate the following data: John, who first married a Miss Wilson, and after her death a Miss Green; David, who married Patsey Clark; Elizabeth, who married Paul Fensler; Rachel, who married James Frazer; Jonathan, who married Catherine James; William C., who married Matilda Frizell; Priscilla, who married General John Webb; Nancy, who married George W. Green; Mary, who married John Corry; and Delilah, who married Enoch McFarland. William and Priscilla Knight lived at Redstone Fort, Pennsylvania, whence they eventually removed to Hamilton county, Ohio, this being at the period when General Wayne was here in conflict with the Indians. William Knight here died in 1815 or 1816.

John P. Knight's grandparents in the agnatic line were Jonathan and Catherine (James) Knight, whose children were as follows: William D., who married Elizabeth Palmer, they being the parents of the immediate subject of this review; Stephen, who married Delilah Martin; Paul, who married Charlotte Enseminger; Corbly, who married Catherine Babb; Mary Ann, who married John Green; Elizabeth, who married Isaac Clyne; and Priscilla, who married George Clyde. Jonathan Knight died in Hamilton county in 1822, and after his death his widow and their six children were induced by William C. Knight, a brother of the deceased husband and father, to come to Miami county, where the children eventually all married and settled, except William D., who removed to Champaign county in 1853, his son John P., the subject of this sketch, being fourteen years of age at the time.

Of the children of William D. and Elizabeth (Palmer) Knight we incorporate the following brief record: John P., who married Jennie Rawlings; Wilford O., who married Sallie McDonald, daughter of Hugh and Sarah McDonald, of Urbana; Stephen C., who was first mar-

ried to Elizabeth Morgan, of Champaign, Illinois, and later to Jennie Doty, of the same place; Catherine, who married Ezekiel Sayres, of Miami county; Sidney, who remained unmarried; and Maggie, who died in August, 1879, at the age of twenty-three years. William D. Knight died in December, 1890, and his wife, Elizabeth (Palmer) Knight, still survives him, being in her eighty-second year at the time of this writing (May, 1902). She is a daughter of John and Margaret (Hance) Palmer, the former of whom was born near Bristol, England, on the 19th of September, 1791, having been the eldest son of Robert and Hannah (Anthony) Palmer; his death occurred December 11, 1882.

From the time of his father's removal from Miami to Champaign county, in 1853, John P. Knight has been a resident of Urbana township. He began his independent career as a school teacher, giving inception to his pedagogic endeavors at the age of nineteen years. He was considered to be very successful, holding at the close of his five years of service as a teacher the best certificate offered by the school examiners of Champaign county, and having risen to the position of principal of the Central-ward school in the city of Urbana.

On March 17, 1864, he was united in marriage to Miss Jennie E. Rawlings, daughter of James and Susana (McRoberts) Rawlings, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this work, in connection with the sketch of their son Thomas. Soon after his marriage Mr. Knight removed to the farm where he now lives, this being the homestead upon which Mrs. Knight's father settled in his early manhood, in 1829, moving into a log house of those primitive times. Mr. Knight has always been an exemplary citizen, standing ready at all times to lend his aid in fortifying every good cause, whether it be social, religious or political in its nature. He has never aspired to gain the honors or emoluments of public office; nevertheless he has been a member of the board of education in Urbana township for a period of thirty years, being at the

present time the president of that body. He was elected and served as decennial land appraiser for the township in 1900.

John P. and Jennie R. Knight are the parents of four children. William J., the eldest, was educated at Oberlin College, where he completed the classical course and was graduated as a member of the class of 1889. Soon after finishing his education he abandoned professional ambitions, on account of failing health, and settled on the home farm. Since regaining his health he has become a member of the firm called the Urbana Hardware & Supply Company, located at Urbana, Ohio, where he is doing a nice business. In 1899 he married Florence Dempcy, born December 29, 1864, daughter of Ezra L. and Lucretia (Pennington) Dempcy, and of this union one child has been born,—Paul Dempcy Knight. Edwin Stanton, the second son of John P. and Jennie R. Knight, is at present a resident of Chemulpo, Korea, Asia, where he is with the Oriental Consolidated Mining Company as superintendent of transportation. Though only a little past thirty years of age he has traveled over all parts of the United States. At the time when the Spanish-American war was precipitated he was a resident of the city of Chicago and enlisted in the First Illinois Infantry, with which he proceeded to Cuba, having been on the fighting line at Santiago when the city capitulated. Harley E., the third son, born January 18, 1872, married, in his twentieth year, Fannie Clark and settled on the home farm. They are the parents of three promising children,—Stella, Harold and Ruth. Earl R., the youngest son, born April 30, 1876, was educated at Purdue University, at Lafayette, Indiana, where he completed the course in electrical engineering and was graduated in 1899. He has since been incumbent of two good positions, being at the present time employed as assistant chief draftsman with the Bullock Electrical Manufacturing Company at Cincinnati. He is not married.

John P. Knight, though a retired farmer, still remains on the farm

which has been the family homestead for three-quarters of a century. He has taken great pride in improving it with excellent buildings and all the modern conveniences pertaining to the business of agriculture.

CLARENCE M. McLAUGHLIN, M. D.

The father of the subject of this review was numbered among the pioneer physicians and surgeons of Champaign county and attained distinct prestige in his profession, while he was honored as one of the sterling citizens of the county, devoting his life unreservedly to relieving suffering and distress and gaining the affection of an exceptionally wide circle of friends. He maintained his home in Westville and was here engaged in active practice for more than thirty years, and it is most consonant that the work which he laid down after the years of earnest toil and endeavor should be taken up by his son, who is one of the representative young medical practitioners of the county and who figures as the immediate subject of this brief sketch. Dr. Clarence M. McLaughlin was born in Westville, where he now maintains his home, the date of his nativity having been August 19, 1864. He is a son of Dr. Richard R. McLaughlin, who was born in Clark county, this state, and who was reared on a farm in Green county, Wisconsin, whither his parents removed from Indiana, where they had lived for about six years. When he was a child of about ten years, and after attending the common schools of the period and place, he began reading medicine under the preceptorage of his uncle and thus prepared himself for the active work of his profession, and began the practice in Illinois, and then in Wisconsin. In 1861 he established himself in the practice of medicine in Westville, and here he continued his zealous and beneficent labors until his death, in the year 1891, representing a period of thirty-three years. He was one of the leading physicians of the county and his practice extended over a wide radius of country and implied the endur-

ance of many hardships, but he never refused to go to the bedside of the suffering, no matter how distant or how tempestuous the weather or dark the night or seemingly impassable the road. The old time "country doctors" should be held in grateful memory for all time, for their lives were self-abnegating and selfishness was foreign to their natures in the average case. The senior Dr. McLaughlin was a member of the Champaign County Medical Society and one of its organizers, while he ever commanded the confidence and high regard of his professional confreres. His religious faith was that of the Universalist church, and he was one of the charter members of the church in Westville, ever taking a deep interest in its work and in all that conserved the welfare of his fellowmen. He was a prominent temperance worker, and in this line made many able speeches throughout the county. He married Charlotte S. Wilson, who was born in Champaign county, the daughter of Rezin C. Wilson, who was one of the pioneers of this county, whither he is supposed to have emigrated from Virginia. Mrs. McLaughlin survives her honored husband and makes her home with her son, the subject of this review. She became the mother of two sons and three daughters, one of the daughters dying at the age of two years. Of the other children we enter brief record as follows: Minnie B. became the wife of Charles D. Ogden, of Columbus, Ohio, where she died on the 8th of July, 1900; Rev. Ira W. is a clergyman of the Universalist church and is now residing in North Hatley, Quebec, Canada; Clarence M. is the subject of this sketch; and Lottie J. is the wife of Richard K. Fox, a photographer of Dayton, this state.

Dr. Clarence M. McLaughlin received his preliminary education in the public schools of Westville and thereafter continued his literary studies in the Urbana University. In fortifying himself for the work of his chosen profession he was matriculated in Starling Medical College, at Columbus, where he completed a thorough technical course in medicine and surgery and was graduated as a member of the class of

1886, receiving his coveted degree of Doctor of Medicine. He forthwith became associated with his father in practice, and this professional alliance continued until the death of the latter, since which time our subject has carried forward the work individually, his unmistakable ability and the prestige of the name having enabled him to build up a large and representative practice, while he enjoys marked popularity and esteem in the community where practically his entire life has been spent. The Doctor is the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty-seven acres in Mad River township, and here he devotes special attention to the raising of thoroughbred Jersey cattle, his farm having a high reputation in this line, while he takes great interest in the same. He is a member of the Champaign County Medical Society and of the Universalist church, while fraternally he is identified with Harmony Lodge, No. 8, A. F. & A. M.; Urbana Chapter, No. 34, R. A. M., at Urbana; with Magrew Lodge, No. 433, Knights of Pythias, and with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, in Urbana. He is a Democrat in his political proclivities, but in local affairs maintains an independent attitude, giving his support to men and measures rather than being guided by strict partisan lines.

On the 1st of September, 1897, Dr. McLaughlin was united in marriage to Miss Nellie B. Denny, the daughter of Dennis and Sally (Nichols) Denny, natives respectively of Logan and Champaign counties, Ohio, and now residents of Logan county.

SAMUEL L. P. STONE.

In this age of colossal enterprise and marked intellectual energy the prominent and successful men in any community are those whose abilities, persistence and courage lead them into undertakings of large scope, and to assume the responsibilities and labors of leaders in their respective

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vocations. Success is methodical and consecutive,—the result of the determined application of one's abilities and powers along the rigidly defined line of labor. Prominent among the progressive and representative business men of the city of Urbana is numbered Mr. Stone, who stands at the head of the extensive hardware house conducted under the firm name of Stone Brothers and who has been consecutively identified with this enterprise for more than a quarter of a century, the interest of his deceased brother, the late Ferdinand F. Stone, being still retained in the business, which involves both wholesale and retail operations and which is one of the most important of the sort in central Ohio. Indefatigable, honorable and well directed industry has been the conservator of the marked success which has attended the efforts of our subject, and he has long been a factor in the commercial and civic life of Urbana, where he commands unequivocal confidence and esteem, by reason of his sterling manhood and useful life.

Samuel Lukins Pigeon Stone is a native of the Old Dominion, having been born in Hampshire county, Virginia, on the 24th of July, 1838, the son of Ferdinand and Mary (Pigeon) Stone, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania, of German lineage, and the latter in Lynchburg, Virginia, her ancestral line tracing back to English origin, while both were birthright members of that gentle and noble religious sect, the Society of Friends. They became the parents of five children, namely: John H. P., a prominent citizen of Urbana; Joseph S., who was a leading physician of Denver, Colorado, and who is now deceased; Sarah E., who died at the age of eight years; Ferdinand Fairfax, who was associated with our subject in business and who died in 1898; and Samuel L. P., to whom this sketch is dedicated. The father was born in 1803 and died in Urbana in 1874, his widow, who was born in 1804, passing away in 1884. They came to Urbana in July, 1858, and here passed the remainder of their lives, the father having been engaged in

the milling business here during the entire period of his residence. He was a Democrat in his political proclivities, and his religious faith was that of the Lutheran church, while his wife, though a Quaker by birth, became a devoted member of the Presbyterian church.

Samuel L. P. Stone was a youth of nineteen years when the family came to Urbana, and his educational discipline involved the curriculum of the public schools of the day, and this was effectively supplemented by a course of study in Edwards College, at Piedmont, Virginia, where he was graduated prior to his coming to Ohio. He learned the milling trade under the effective direction of his father, being connected with the enterprise in Urbana for four years, at the expiration of which he here engaged in the grocery business, under the firm name of Stone & O'Connor, thus continuing one year, after which he individually continued in the same line of enterprise for the ensuing decade, from 1862 to 1872, in which latter year was given inception to the important business of which he is now the head. He was associated with his brother Ferdinand in the establishing of a hardware business, under the firm name of Stone Brothers, which has ever since been maintained, the enterprise being capably managed and expanding in scope and importance with the development of the city and county. It is now one of the best equipped concerns of the sort in this section of the state and the business has extensive ramifications, being both wholesale and retail in character and implying the handling of a most complete and comprehensive stock, including heavy and shelf hardware, glass, paints and oils, builders' supplies, implements, glass, etc. The commodious headquarters are most eligibly located at 107 North Main street, where three stories of a substantial business block are utilized, and also a two-story warehouse, giving an aggregate floor space of sixty-one thousand square feet, from which statement may be gleaned an idea as to the stock carried. As has been well said of Mr. Stone, he "has during his active business

career won a measure of popularity, confidence and respect in Urbana that is second to that of no other member of the commercial circles of this progressive city." He has other important local interests aside from that already mentioned, being a member of the directorate of the Citizens' National Bank; treasurer of the Perpetual Building & Loan Association, of which he was one of the organizers; and is treasurer of the Urbana Art Ice Company.

Ever alive to the duties of citizenship, and maintaining a distinctive interest in all that concerns the progress and material prosperity of his home city, Mr. Stone is known as a thoroughly generous and public-spirited citizen. He gives an uncompromising allegiance to the Democratic party and has been an active advocate of its cause. He was appointed postmaster of Urbana during Cleveland's first administration and served in that capacity for nearly five years, doing much to promote the efficiency of service and giving an able administration of the affairs of the office. In the spring of 1902 Mr. Stone received the Democratic nomination for mayor of Urbana and was elected by a majority of sixty-three votes, and when we revert to the fact that the average Republican majority in the city is about four hundred votes, the significance of Mr. Stone's election becomes the more pronounced and indicates the strong hold he has upon popular confidence and esteem in his home city.

During the war of the Rebellion Mr. Stone was a member of Company A, of the Ohio Home Guards, with which he continued to be identified for a period of five years, his company having been in active service at the time of Morgan's memorable raid. Fraternally he is prominently identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, holding membership in both the lodge and encampment and having represented the same in the respective grand bodies of the order in the state, while he is also a member of the lodge and uniform rank of the Knights of Pythias.

On the 27th of September, 1871, Mr. Stone was united in marriage

to Miss Julia F. Geiger, daughter of the late Judge Levi Geiger, one of Urbana's distinguished citizens, and they have four children living: Ida May, the wife of George McConnell, of Urbana; Levi G. and Ferdinand F., who remain at the parental home, being able assistants in the store of their father; and S. L. P., Jr.

WILLIAM CROWL.

Prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Champaign county is William Crowl, who was born in Washington, D. C., July 19, 1819. His father, Jacob Crowl, was a native of the same city, and there spent his entire life. He was married in the capital city to Miss Mary Paine, who was born and reared in Maryland, and about 1853 she came to Champaign county, Ohio, where she spent the remainder of her life. This union was blessed with three children,—William, deceased; William, of this review; and Lizzy, also deceased. All were born in Maryland.

William Crowl became a resident of this county in 1848, when twenty-eight years of age, spending the first year here in Urbana, on the expiration of which period he purchased seventy-nine acres of land in Harrison township, where he cleared and improved a good farm. Four years later he sold his possessions there and in 1854 purchased the place which he now owns. He has followed the tilling of the soil as a life occupation, and in this line of endeavor has met with a high and well merited degree of success. He has been identified with the interest of this locality since early pioneer days, and throughout his long and active career has enjoyed the confidence and high regard of all with whom his business dealings have brought him in contact. The Republican

party receives his active support and co-operation, and for a number of years he served his township in the capacity of trustee.

Mr. Crowl was first married in Virginia, to Miss Barbara Bare, who was born in that state, and for his second wife he chose Ruth Chue. She, too, was born and reared in that state. He was afterward married to Elizabeth Twadell, a native daughter of Champaign county, and for his fourth wife he chose Ann McCoy. She was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and was there reared and educated. His present wife bore the maiden name of Margaret Jane Pitz. She, too, was born in Champaign county, and in its district schools she received her education. Her father, Andrew Pitz, was a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. About 1831 he came to Champaign county, Ohio, locating on a farm in Harrison township. Prior to his removal to this state he was married to Mary Ann Yancey, a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. They became the parents of seven children, two sons and five daughters, and Mrs. Crowl was their sixth child in order of birth. The union of our subject and wife has been blessed with ten children, but the first born died in infancy. The others are: Ann Heland, John W., Denton, Joe, Joseph, Samuel, Mary E., Elizabeth M. and Allen D. Two of the sons, Joe and Jashwa, are also deceased. The family are members of the Presbyterian church at Spring Hill. Mrs. Crowl has been a member about fifty years, while Mr. Crowl is not a member, he has always lent his support to the church since its organization. Mrs. Crowl's youngest brother, Andrew J., enlisted in December, 1861, at the age of eighteen years, in the Sixty-sixth Regiment, Company G, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and gallantly served his country unto the end of the war. He participated with his regiment in the following engagements: Port Republic, June 9, 1862; Cedar Mountain, August 9, 1862; Antietam, September 7, 1862; Dumpries, December 27, 1862; Kelley's Ford, July 20, 1863; Lookout Mountain, No-

vember 24, 1863; Mission Ridge, Georgia, November 25, 1863; Ringold, Georgia, November 27, 1863; Mill Creek Gap, May 4, 1864; Resaca, May 15, 1864; Cassville, May 20, 1864; Dallas, May 24 to June 2, 1864; Pine Hill, June 15 to 17, 1864; Noon Day Creek, June 19, 1864; Bald Knob, June 27, 1864; Mannette Pike, June 30, 1864; Peach Tree Creek, July 20, 1864; siege of Atlanta, July 27 to September 4, 1864; siege and capture of Savanna, December 11 to 21, 1864; then Raleigh, North Carolina, January 27 to April 14, 1865. He was wounded at Cedar Mountain August 9, 1862, and on this account did not participate in the battle of Chancellorsville. Mrs. Crowl's brother John also enlisted under the last call for one hundred days and served out his term of enlistment.

WILLIAM THOMAS.

The name of William Thomas has been inscribed high on the roll of Champaign county's honored pioneers, and the part which he has taken in the development of the county well entitles him to prominent mention in this volume. He is one of Ohio's native sons, his birth having occurred in Salem township, Champaign county, March 21, 1821, and on the paternal side he is descended from a prominent family of Maryland, his grandfather having been born in that state. His father, Colonel John Thomas, was born in Washington county, that state, near Hancock, and in 1803 came to Pickaway county, Ohio, where he was among the early pioneers. Three years later, in 1806, he took up his abode in Salem township, Champaign county, where he secured about seven hundred acres of land near Kings Creek, and there his death occurred when he had passed the Psalmist's span of three score years and ten. He was numbered among the early pioneers and leading citizens

MRS. HULDAH THOMAS.

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of Champaign county. In an early day he gave his political support to the Whig party and after the organization of the Republican party became an active worker in its ranks, for thirty-five years holding the position of justice of the peace. He was a brave and loyal soldier in the war of 1812. The mother of our subject, who bore the maiden name of Mary Morris, was born, reared and educated in Pickaway county, Ohio, and her death occurred in Salem township, Champaign county. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas was blessed with twelve children, six of whom grew to mature years, but only two of the number are now living, our subject and his brother Josephus. William V. died in West Liberty, Logan county, Ohio, when over ninety years of age; Ezekiel died in Fillmore county, Minnesota, when past his eighty-fourth year; Samuel died when forty-five years of age; Nancy Stokes, reached the age of forty-five years; and Susan died at the age of thirty years. The father of these children was twice married, and for his second wife he chose Polly (Johnson) Blair, who bore him six children, but three of the number died when young and only one is now living, I. B., whose sketch will be found on another page of this volume.

William Thomas, whose name introduces this review, was reared near the head waters of Kings creek, in Salem township, and he received his education in the log school-house of the neighborhood. Assisting his father in the work of the home farm until his marriage, he then located on the place on which he now lives in Wayne township, and here has made his home for fifty-two years, during which time he has devoted his time to farming and stockraising with success. His homestead now contains one hundred and forty acres of rich and fertile land, all of which he has placed under a fine state of cultivation. As the years passed by prosperity has rewarded his efforts and he is now enabled to live in quiet retirement, in the enjoyment of the fruits of former toil. Since attaining to years of maturity he has been active in the ranks of the Republican

party, and the first office which he ever held was that of justice of the peace, remaining therein for twenty-one years, while for six years he was a notary public. During the Civil war he was an incumbent of the office of township trustee, was county commissioner for one term, and during the earlier years was often solicited to settle estates. He is a charter member of Cable Lodge, No. 395, I. O. O. F., with which he has been identified since 1872, and is very active in the work of the order.

In March, 1841, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Thomas and Miss Huldah Downs. She is a native of Salem township, Champaign county, and a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Thomas) Downs, early pioneers of this county. Mrs. Thomas was called to her final rest in 1893, when she had reached the age of seventy-two years, and their only child died in infancy. For fifty-two years Mr. and Mrs. Thomas traveled life's journey together, their mutual love and confidence increasing as the years passed by. For eighty-one years Mr. Thomas has lived and labored among the people of Champaign county, and throughout this long period has been closely connected with the progress and advancement of this section.

JOHN H. THOMAS.

One of the best known and most generally loved citizens of Champaign county was John H. Thomas, whose life was almost entirely passed in this section. Though he has passed to his reward, the influence of his conscientious, just career, his kindly, generous heart and sympathetic manner abides. He was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, August 6, 1823, but when a lad of six or seven years came with his parents to Ohio, the family locating four miles east of Addison, in Jackson township. He was a son of John and Barbara (Harnest) Thomas, also

natives of the Old Dominion, where they were married, and on the land on which they located after coming to the Buckeye state they spent the remainder of their lives. Both were earnest Christian people, the father a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and the mother of the Baptist church.

John H. Thomas, of this review, received but a common-school education, and until his twentieth year remained at home and assisted his father in the farm work. At that time he removed to Christiansburg, where he learned the tanner's trade, carrying on that occupation for a number of years in connection with stock dealing. He was also successfully engaged in the manufacture of tile for a long period, and in these various occupations his well directed efforts were abundantly rewarded. Early recognizing the fact that industry is the key which unlocks the portals of success, he found the reward of earnest labor and his prosperity was well merited. He was also recognized as a progressive, public-spirited citizen, true to every duty devolving upon him, and his political support was given to the Republican party, but he was never a seeker after public preferment.

Mr. Thomas was twice married, first in 1847, to Elizabeth Grafton, and she bore him two children,—Virginia, now Mrs. Ruffner, of Illinois, and William, deceased. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in 1851, and two years later the father was again married, Miss Minerva J. Ross becoming his wife. Her father, Levi Ross, was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, in 1792, was a soldier of the war of 1812, stationed at Harper's Ferry, and was there married to Miss Mary Ruffner. In 1827 they came to Champaign county, Ohio, locating on the present site of Addison, and there they spent the remainder of their lives. In early life the father was a mechanic, but after his marriage gave his attention to agricultural pursuits. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ross were born nine children, as follows: Martha A., Minerva J.,

Mary C., Marion A., Melvina E., Marine R., Morgan L., Margaret E. and Maria L. In 1861 the son Marion A. enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company A, Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as a private from Antioch College. On one occasion he was made a member of a squad of twenty-three, known as the celebrated Mitchell raiders, who, under Captain Andrews, were detailed to capture a train at Big Shanty, Georgia. The detachment, however, was taken by the enemy, and late in the following April was confined in the Chattanooga prison for a time, after which they were taken to Atlanta, and there, with six others, he was executed on the 21st of June. He was a young man of exceptional promise, brave as a lion and a true and noble soldier. The last words which he sent to his people were: "I did it for my country, and regret it not." Levi Ross was a charter member of Mount Olivet Lodge, F. & A. M., of which he was the first master. His death occurred in 1865, and his wife passed away in 1863.

By his second marriage Mr. Thomas became the father of two children,—John M., who is connected with the Columbus Buggy Company, and makes his home in Columbus, and Estella, who became Mrs. Means, and is now deceased. Mr. Thomas was also a charter member of Mount Olivet Lodge, F. & A. M., which he joined more than fifty years ago, and attained to the Royal Arch degree. For many years he was also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, but withdrew his membership from that fraternity. On the 18th of January, 1866, he was converted to the Christian faith and joined the Missionary Baptist church, and from that time until the close of his earthly career he improved every opportunity to better the spiritual and moral conditions of his fellow men. His enthusiasm for the cause of his Master never flagged, although at times the way appeared dark and uncertain, and he made the Golden Rule the text of his life, thus becoming a tower of strength in his community. For some years he served as superintendent

of the Sunday-school, and was active in whatever line of work fell to his lot. He was a good citizen, a loyal neighbor, an affectionate and devoted husband and father and throughout his entire Christian life was unsurpassed in his free distribution of the "good seed" which when springing up grows into everlasting life. He passed away January 25, 1902, but in the hearts of his friends are enshrined many pleasant memories of him, and his influence for good remains with those who knew him.

SILAS JOHNSON.

Success has been worthily attained by Silas Johnson, who is to-day accounted one of the prosperous farmers of Champaign county. To his energy, enterprise, careful management and keen discrimination this is attributable. He was born in Goshen township, this county, on the 17th of April, 1846. His father, John Johnson, settled in Champaign county when a young man, but subsequently removed to Madison county, Ohio, where he was married to Martha Rafferty, a native of Kentucky, and she was there reared and educated, coming to this county in middle life. Her parents were also natives of that commonwealth, and her grandfather was a soldier in the war of 1812. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were born five children,—Silas, Molly, Virginia, Clinton and John, all of whom were born in Champaign county, but all but the two eldest are now deceased. The father gave his political support to the Whig party, and his death occurred in 1855.

Silas Johnson, of this review, removed to Madison county, Ohio, when about five years of age, and there attended school for one term, returning thence with his father to Champaign county. He completed his education in the schools of Northville, putting aside his text-books

at the age of fifteen years, and enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, National Guards, on the 18th day of January, 1863, being discharged April 29, 1864. Returning to the old home farm, he was there engaged in agricultural pursuits until the spring of 1873, when he removed to the farm on which he now resides, the place then consisting of one hundred and seventy-two acres of timber land. He immediately began the arduous task of clearing and improving his farm, and as time passed not only improved the place but has added to its boundaries until he is now the owner of a valuable homestead of two hundred and eighty-five acres, all of which is under cultivation. He has given special attention to the raising of cattle, horses and hogs, and in former years was also engaged in the raising of sheep. Energy is one of his most marked characteristics, and he prosecutes his labors with a zeal that has brought him rich returns. Substantial buildings, the latest improved machinery, well kept fences and good grades of stock,—these are among the accessories of the Johnson farm.

On the 11th of June, 1867, in Champaign county, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Johnson and Miss Sarah Weidman, who was born in this county and has here spent her entire life with the exception of a short period when she was a resident of Marshall county, Illinois. Her father, Abram Weidman, was a native of Virginia, but when about twenty years of age came to Champaign county, where he was numbered among the early pioneers. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Emily Dewey, was a native of Pennsylvania, and was there reared and educated. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Weidman was celebrated in Champaign county, and they became the parents of eight children, four sons and four daughters: James, William, Mary, Sarah, Martha, Samuel, Fannie and Frank, all born in this county. Mr. Weidman gave his political support to the Democracy, and was an active worker for his party. Unto the union of our subject and wife have been born seven

children, namely: Anna, who became the wife of Joseph Hewlings, and both are now deceased; Frank, also deceased; Frederick, a farmer of Harrison township, Champaign county; and Lella, Charles, Emma and Ralph, at home. In his political views Mr. Johnson is an independent Democrat, and on that ticket has been elected to many public positions, for several years holding the office of township trustee, and is now occupying the position of ditch superintendent. He is a member of the Wesley Chapel Methodist church, of which he has served as a deacon for some time. Almost his entire life has been passed in Champaign county, and he has a wide acquaintance among her best citizens, many of whom are included within the circle of his friends.

CHARLES LAUPPE.

From the biography of every man may be gleaned lessons of genuine value, and the life of Charles Lauppe has been marked by all that goes to make up useful and upright manhood, while he has attained success through legitimate and well directed effort, being now numbered among the representative business men of the thriving city of Urbana, where he has passed the greater portion of his life and where he is engaged in the saddlery and horse-collar business, as a manufacturer and retail dealer.

Mr. Lauppe traces his lineage back to stanch old German stock, and from this source has been derived an element of the best citizenship in our great American republic,— one ever appreciative of practical values and one which stands for unswerving integrity, industry, enterprise and sterling worth. Mr. Lauppe is a native of the city of Newark, New Jersey, where he was born on the 2d of September, 1838, being the son of Charles and Sarah Lauppe, both of whom were born in Germany.

In the spring of 1854 they came to Dayton, Ohio, where they remained three and one-fourth years, and then came to Urbana, Ohio, where they passed the remainder of their lives, honored for their intrinsic worth of character and for their unvarying kindliness. The mother of our subject entered into eternal rest in 1874, at the age of sixty-nine years, being survived by her husband, who passed away in 1892, at the age of seventy-eight. He was a collarmaker by trade, and to this vocation devoted the greater part of his active business life.

The subject of this sketch was nineteen years of age at the time of the family's removal to Urbana, and his early educational discipline was such as was afforded in the public schools of his native city, where also he learned the trade of manufacturing horse collars, under the careful direction of his honored father. His intrinsic patriotism and loyalty prompted him to tender his services to the Union at the time when its integrity was threatened by armed rebellion, and on May 2, 1864, he enlisted for a term of one hundred days as a corporal in Company A, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He continued in active service for a period of four months, three of which were passed at Petersburg Virginia, then received his honorable discharge and was duly mustered out. His continued interest in his old comrades of the Rebellion is shown by the fact that he retains membership in that ever honored organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, being one of the popular members of W. A. Brand Post, No. 98, in which he has long held official positions.

In August, 1866, Mr. Lauppe purchased a collar business in Urbana, and here he has since continued, during a period of more than a quarter of a century, in the manufacturing of horse collars and in the general saddlery business. He now conducts a retail enterprise, but formerly manufactured for the wholesale trade, while he has also dealt largely in hides, tallow and leather. He began operations on a modest scale, but

by well directed effort, high-grade workmanship and honorable dealing has attained success and definite prosperity. In politics Mr. Lauppe is a stalwart supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and fraternally is identified with Harmony Lodge, No. 8, F. & A. M. For a period of six years he served as a member of the board of directors of Oakdale cemetery, was re-elected as director for a term of three years, and has ever taken a deep interest in all that concerns the welfare of his home city, where he is well known and highly esteemed.

JOSEPH S. MOSES.

The subject of this review is one of the native sons of the Buckeye state and is entrusted with official duties of importance in connection with the governmental affairs of Champaign county, where he has passed practically his entire life, owing his advancement to his own efforts and ever commanding the confidence and high regard of those with whom he has been thrown in contact in the various relations of life. In a work of this character he is clearly entitled to representation among others of the able officials of the county.

Joseph S. Moses was born in Miami county, Ohio, on the 26th of August, 1856, was reared in Jackson township, Champaign county, early beginning to contribute his quota to farm work and receiving such educational advantages as were afforded in the public schools in the vicinity of his home. He continued to be identified with the great basic art of agriculture in an active way until his election to the office of which he is now the incumbent, and he still owns his excellent farm in Jackson township. In political matters Mr. Moses has always had well defined and amply fortified views and has given an active and stal-

wart support to the Republican party and its cause, being long prominent in public affairs of a local nature. In 1899 he was elected to the office of county recorder, in which he has given a most capable and discriminating administration, and in 1902 was re-elected for a second term of three years, having taken up his residence in the city of Urbana upon assuming his official duties. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity, having been raised to the master's degree and holding membership in Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 226, F. & A. M., at Addison, Ohio, while he is also a member of Social Lodge, at Addison, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, taking an active interest in the affairs of each of these noble organizations. His religious faith is that of the Baptist church, of which his wife likewise is a member.

On the 23d of July, 1882, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Moses to Miss Maria Huddleston, who was born and reared in Jackson township, Champaign county, being the daughter of Milton and Jemimah Huddleston. Mr. and Mrs. Moses have five children, namely: Rolly R., Jennie L., John S., Blanche G. and Ethel M.

JOHN P. NEER.

Among the native sons of Champaign county who went forth in defense of the Union when its integrity was menaced by armed rebellion, rendering the valiant and loyal service of a leal and loyal son of the republic, is John P. Neer, who is most consistently given representation in this work, for he has practically spent his entire life in this county, is a member of one of its honored pioneer families and through his identification with the agricultural industry has become one of the successful and influential citizens of this section.

Mrs J. P. Starr.

Yours truly

J P Neer

John P. Neer was born on the old homestead, in Concord township, on the 27th of April, 1842, being a son of Joseph and Margaret Susan (Monroe) Neer. Joseph Neer was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, the paternal lineage tracing back to German origin, though the family had been established in the Old Dominion at an early epoch in its history. Joseph Neer was reared and educated in his native state, where he remained until about 1826, when he came to Ohio and became one of the pioneers of Champaign county, having settled on the homestead in Concord township which is now a part of our subject's estate, as early as 1831. This was school land and was purchased by Mr. Neer at the time when it was first placed on the market, and it has ever since been retained in the possession of the family. He cleared the tract of its heavy growth of timber and developed a good farm, while he was a man of dauntless spirit and progressive ideas, doing much to further the advancement of the interests of this section in the early days and to conserve the general welfare. His political allegiance was given to the Whig party until the time of the organization of the Republican party, when he became a stalwart supporter of the principles of the latter, having been strenuously opposed to the institution of human slavery and having exercised his franchise in support of John C. Fremont, the first presidential candidate of the Republican party. He was an active and zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal church, taking a deep interest in the promotion of both its spiritual and temporal affairs.

In Champaign county, on the 10th of November, 1835, he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Susan Monroe, who was born in Harrison township, on the 27th of November, 1819, being a daughter of David Monroe, who was born in Virginia, of Scotch lineage, and who emigrated westward in an early day, becoming one of the honored pioneers of Champaign county, where he passed the residue of his life. Joseph Neer was summoned into eternal rest in 1869, and his cherished

and devoted wife passed away in 1880, having retained their residence on the old homestead from the time of their marriage until death released the silver cord of his life. About four or five years later the widow with her youngest daughter moved to Urbana where she died. Six sons and six daughters were born, concerning whom we incorporate a brief record in the following paragraph.

David C. is a successful farmer of Allen county, Kansas; Ann F. is the widow of James W. Ellis, who was a farmer of Oklahoma, where she still maintains her home; Eliza M. became the wife of Judge Joseph V. Offenbacher, of Champaign county, who died in the city of Washington, D. C., in January, 1895, her death having occurred on the 6th of October, 1875, in southern Colorado; John P., the next in order of birth, is the immediate subject of this sketch; Martha J. died on the 16th of September, 1870; Nathan A. is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Los Angeles county, California; Sallie C. is the wife of Lowel T. Clemans, an electrician of Los Angeles; Joseph F. is a farmer of Champaign county; Mary F. is the wife of Charles W. McMaster, of Los Angeles county, California; Samuel J., who is engaged in the book and stationery business in Winfield, Cowley county, Kansas, served for two terms as clerk of that county; Elizabeth died in infancy; and James M. is a farmer and stock-raiser of Cowley county, Kansas.

John P. Neer, the immediate subject of this review, was reared upon the old homestead farm and acquired his early scholastic training in the district schools, which he attended during the winter months, while during the summer seasons he assisted in the work of the farm. In this peaceful vocation he continued to bend his energies until a higher duty faced him, when came the clarion call to arms, prompting the loyal sons of the north to defend the unity of the republic, now in jeopardy through civic rebellion. On the 30th of July, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company H, Forty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which

he was sworn into service at Camp Chase, in the city of Columbus, on the 19th of August. He continued on active duty with his regiment until the 12th of June, 1865, when he received his honorable discharge, at Camp Harker, Tennessee. His service thus covered the greater period of the war, and his record as a soldier was one to which he may well advert with satisfaction. He was promoted to be corporal of his company, later sergeant and orderly sergeant and before he returned to his home he was commissioned first lieutenant in recognition of valiant service. Mr. Neer participated in many of the memorable and important movements and engagements incidental to the course of the great conflict. He was in the battle at Dutton Hill, Kentucky, and later his regiment, while he was on detached duty, assisted in the pursuit of Morgan at the time of his famous raid through Ohio and Indiana. On the 20th of October, 1863, he was in active service in the battle at Philadelphia, Tennessee, in which engagement his regiment lost in killed, wounded and missing, one hundred and sixty-eight men, while later the regiment was in the entire campaign in eastern Tennessee, and in an engagement at Holston river, on the 15th of November, they lost one hundred and one men, five of the number being officers. They also had a spirited encounter with the forces under General Longstreet. In this engagement, on the 17th of November, Mr. Neer was shot through the left lung and was taken to the hospital, where he remained during the entire siege of Knoxville. As soon as he had sufficiently recuperated he returned to his regiment, going to Tazewell, Tennessee, and thence to Cumberland Gap, where he remained a short time, after which the regiment marched to Mount Sterling, Kentucky, where it remained about a month, he being detailed to take charge of the patrol of the city. Thence the command returned to Tennessee, by way of Knoxville, and finally joined the forces proceeding onward for the Atlanta campaign, in all of which our subject participated, including the engagement at Franklin,

which was one of the most hotly contested of all the fights of the war. He was present at the battle of Atlanta and his regiment was actively engaged in that famous battle, while later it was in the hard-fought battle at Nashville, Tennessee, on the 15th and 16th of December, 1864. We can but mention a few of the other notable engagements in which Mr. Neer took part,—Resaca, Dallas, Kenesaw Mountain, Pine Mountain and Lovejoy Station.

After the war Mr. Neer returned to the old homestead, where he resumed his farm work, being associated with his father for two years, and after the death of the latter, in 1869, he purchased the major portion of the old home place from the other heirs. He now has an exceptionally attractive and valuable landed estate of six hundred and seventeen acres, upon which are the best of improvements, while he also gives special attention to the raising and handling of high-grade live stock, his business affairs being so capably conducted that splendid success crowns his efforts. Mr. Neer is a stanch Republican in politics, has taken an active part in the work of the party and believes firmly in its principles. He has served as county commissioner for two terms, filling the office from December, 1885, until 1891. He and his wife are prominent members of the Concord Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mr. Neer is serving as trustee, while he contributed toward the erection of the church edifice. He keeps alive the pleasing associations of the old days when he was following the old flag to victory by retaining membership in the post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Urbana, of which he was commander in 1899.

In 1899 Mr. Neer was united in marriage to Miss Ida M. Goble, who was born in Brooklyn, New York, where she was reared and educated, being a daughter of Ira and Catherine (Burke) Goble, both natives of the Empire state and both now deceased.

In recapitulation we may say that Joseph Neer, the honored father

of our subject, was born on the 7th of August, 1804, and that his death occurred on the 26th of January, 1869, at which time he was in his sixty-fifth year. His wife, who was born on the 27th of November, 1819, died October 8, 1880. At the time of their marriage they moved into the house where our subject now lives, and this contiued to be their home until death's hand intervened. Both were devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church and they contributed largely to the erection of the church building in this township.

SIMEON TAYLOR.

When it is stated that Mr. Taylor, who was formerly incumbent of the important office of auditor of Champaign county, is of the third generation of his family in the county it becomes evident at once that he is a representative of one of the early pioneer families of this section, and such has been the prominence of the name and such the honor attaching thereto in connection with the annals of the county that it becomes specially consistent that a review of Mr. Taylor's genealogy and personal career be given place in this volume. He is one of the representative men of the county, where he is not only successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, but where he also has other interests which have important bearing on the industrial and business activities of the locality, maintaining his residence in the town of Westville, where he has an attractive home.

Simeon Taylor was born in Mad River township, this county, on the 7th of June, 1838, being the son of Benjamin S. Taylor, who was born in Tennessee, whence he came to Champaign county with his parents when he was a boy, the family locating in Mad River township,

where he was reared to maturity and where he devoted the residue of his life to agricultural pursuits. He became one of the prominent men of the county, where he was honored for his sterling character and his useful life. In politics he was a Democrat, and in his later years was a stanch advocate of the cause of temperance. He died when but forty-nine years of age. His father, John Taylor, was born in Virginia, whence he removed to Tennessee and finally to Champaign county, where he was numbered among the first settlers in Mad River township. He located on Nettle creek, where he entered government land, and at this time the Indians were far more in evidence in the locality than were the white settlers. He developed a farm and on the same passed the remainder of his life. He was of Scotch-Irish descent and was a man of industrious habits, strong mind and inflexible integrity.

The maiden name of our subject's mother was Sarah Miller, a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, where she was reared and whence she accompanied her parents on their removal to Champaign county, Ohio, being a young woman at the time. Her father, Valentine Miller, settled in Mad River township about the year 1816, and here he devoted the remainder of his life to farming, his lineage showing Dutch, Irish and Welsh strains, with the Dutch predominating. The mother of our subject lived to attain the age of four score years. Her three children were as follows: Sarah Anna, who is the wife of Washington Loudenback, of this township; Darius, who died at the age of about sixty-three years; and Simeon, the subject of this sketch.

Simeon Taylor grew up on the old homestead farm where he was born, and his early educational discipline was received in the district school, after which he continued his studies in the graded schools of Urbana and thereafter entered the Bryant & Stratton Business College in Cleveland, where he took a commercial course. He devoted his attention to teaching school for about a decade, his entire pedagogic labors

having been performed in his native township, and that he was successful and popular in this line is clearly shown by the fact that for eight years he was retained as teacher in one district. He finally gave up teaching and located on the old farmstead, where he once more turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, said homestead having been located in sections 16 and 17. He still retains the homestead, but leases the place, not having given his personal attention to its operation since the year 1889.

In politics Mr. Taylor has been one of the stanch advocates of the principles and policies of the Democratic party, and he has ever taken an active interest in public affairs of a local nature, lending his aid and influence in support of all measures for the general good of the community. He served as township trustee and as justice of the peace in Mad River township, and in 1889 was elected to the office of county auditor, being the only Democrat ever elected to this office in Champaign county, where the normal Republican majority is about one thousand. He gave an able and discriminating administration of the affairs of the office and thus gained the unqualified endorsement of the people, without reference to partisan affiliations. Mr. Taylor has long been a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has served as steward and superintendent of the Sunday-school, ever manifesting a lively concern in all departments of the church work, as does also his wife, who has been a devoted member of the organization for many years. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Taylor's finely improved farm comprises one hundred and eighty acres and is one of the valuable places of the county. He has been for twenty years a member of the directorate of the Citizens' National Bank, of Urbana, and is now vice-president of this solid institution. He is also a director of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, whose headquarters are in Mechanicsburg, and is president of the People's Sav-

ings & Loan Company, of Urbana. Thus it may be seen that he is distinctively one of the representative citizens of his native county, and here his course has ever been such as to command to him the unqualified confidence and esteem of all classes.

On the 1st of October, 1863, Mr. Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Susan Ward, who was born in Mad River township, being the daughter of Noah and Lydia (Smith) Ward, who were numbered among the pioneers of the county. Of the five children of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor we incorporate brief record, as follows: Alonzo, who was graduated in the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati and who was successfully engaged in the practice of his profession in Delaware county, Ohio, died at the age of thirty-four years; Laura O. is the wife of Gerald Colbert, a successful farmer of Mad River township; David E., who likewise is a prominent farmer of this township, and married Mary Sowers; Bertha R. is the wife of Dr. R. Lee Grimes, who is engaged in the practice of medicine in Westville; and Floy remains at the parental home.

JAMES D. POWELL.

When it is stated that with the lapse of but one more decade a full century will have fallen into the cycle of the ages since the time when the Powell family became identified with the annals of Champaign county, it will be readily understood that in touching upon the life record of James Dunlap Powell, the writer is dealing with a worthy representative of one of the earliest pioneer families of this section of the Buckeye state. Within all these long years what has been the character, what the accomplishment of those who have borne the name? The answer comes in most grateful measures when we scan the record, for in the line

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have been men of sterling character and women of gentle refinement,—men who have played well their parts on the stage of life's activities; women whose influence has been ever potent for good. What a wealth of incident and variety of experience is summed up in tracing back over the period of ninety years which marks the identification of this family with the interests of Champaign county, and still farther may we go to find the ancestry maintaining an unblotted 'scutcheon from that early epoch when it first was planted on American soil, in the early colonial days. Thus it may be seen that the biographer may well feel a distinctive respect and satisfaction when he essays the task of rendering, even in epitomized form, a tribute to him whose name introduces this paragraph and to those who have gone before him and likewise exemplified true virtue and true usefulness in all the relations of life. In the mad rush of this electrical and almost turbulent twentieth century, we may well stop for a moment and give retrospective study and appreciation to those who have wrought so nobly in the past and the measure of whose influence can not be understood by superficial analysis.

James Dunlap Powell is a native son of Champaign county, which has been the scene of his labors during the entire period of his long and signally useful life. He was born on the pioneer homestead farm, in Urbana township, on the 3d of March, 1819, being a son of Elijah and Mary (Dunlap) Powell. Elijah Powell was born in the state of Virginia, on the 20th of August, 1789, being the fifth in order of birth of the eleven children of Abraham P. and Ann (Smith) Powell, both of whom were likewise natives of the Old Dominion, which figures as the cradle of so much of our national history, the former having been born on the 20th of October, 1754, and the latter on the 12th of September, 1762, while their marriage was solemnized in their native state, in August, 1780. Abraham P. Powell rendered valiant service as a soldier in the Continental line during the war of the Revolution, and it may well

be said that the family name has been from the beginning identified with the founding and building of the republic. When Elijah Powell was a child his parents emigrated from Virginia to the wilds of Kentucky, of which state they became pioneer settlers, and there he was reared to manhood, while his knowledge of pioneer life was to be still farther extended, since he accompanied his parents on their removal to Champaign county, Ohio, in the year 1812,—a decade after the admission of the state to the Union. The family settled on a tract of heavily timbered land one mile west of the present city of Urbana, which was at that time a mere hamlet of a few primitive dwellings, and on this farm, whose improvement was at once instituted, Abraham P. Powell passed the residue of his life, passing away on the 3d of January, 1817, at the age of sixty-two years, while his widow long survived him, being summoned into eternal rest on the 19th of September, 1845, at the venerable age of eighty-three years.

In this county, on the 27th of January, 1818, Elijah Powell was united in marriage to Miss Mary Dunlap, who was born in Kentucky, on the 26th of October, 1800, being a daughter of Rev. James and Emily (Johnson) Dunlap, both of whom were born in Virginia, the respective dates of nativity being July 10, 1773, and October 15, 1777, and when they were young they accompanied their respective families on their removal to Kentucky, in which state their marriage was solemnized, on the 29th of August, 1794. In 1812 Rev. James Dunlap came with his family to Champaign county, and he became one of the pioneer clergymen of this section of Ohio, becoming well known to the settlers far and wide and laboring zealously in the vineyard of the divine Master, his faith in whom he exemplified in precept and example, ever laboring to uplift his fellow men and to scatter the precious seed of the gospel on fertile soil. He moved to Jacksonville, Illinois, in 1844, and remained there until his death in 1866. Of the eleven children born to Elijah and

Mary (Dunlap) Powell, only three are living at the time of this writing, namely: James D., the immediate subject of this sketch; Jeptha, a resident of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, and Edward, who makes his home in Urbana.

James D. Powell was reared on the old homestead farm in Urbana township, early becoming inured to the work involved in the reclamation and cultivation of the farm, while his educational advantages were such as came to the average youth of the locality and period, being confined to a desultory attendence in the primitive log schoolhouse, with its puncheon floor and slab benches. In short, he had to contend against the same disadvantages that hedged in all of the pioneer families in what was then a veritable frontier region, but few were so fortunate in fertility of natural resources and in meeting the exigencies and overcoming the difficulties which compassed the average youth thus placed. He gave his father able assistance in the management of the farm and became familiar with all details of the great basic industry which has ever figured as the bulwark of our nation's prosperity, and to the same he has consecutively devoted his attention during the long years of his singularly active and prolific life. His father died on the old homestead, on the 11th of June, 1866, at the age of seventy-six years and ten months. His religious faith was that of the Baptist church, of which his wife also became a member in her youth, and his loyalty and patriotism found as definite manifestation as in the case of his father, the Revolutionary veteran, since it was his lot to have been an active participant in the war of 1812. His wife, Mary Powell, died July 30, 1881.

On the farm which is now his home, on the 9th of September, 1845, James D. Powell was united in marriage to Miss Minerva Hill, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Purcell) Hill, both of whom were born in Virginia. Joseph Hill was twice married. In Kentucky he wedded Miss Mary Oliver and they became the parents of eight children. In 1802

they came to Ohio and became the first white settlers in what is now Concord township, their location being the farm now owned and occupied by our subject, and here Mrs. Hill's death occurred. Some time afterward Mr. Hill returned to Kentucky for a visit, and while there he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Purcell, daughter of George and Margaret Purcell, who had removed thither from their native state of Virginia. Of the second marriage five children were born, Mrs. Powell having been the third. She was born in Concord township, Champaign county, on the 26th of August, 1822, and was here reared to womanhood, her educational privileges being such as were afforded in the primitive schools of the pioneer epoch. To Mr. and Mrs. Powell were born six children, their names, in order of birth, being as follows: Mary, Amanda J., Emma E., Elijah H., Sallie A. and Annie M. Of these Mary and Anna are deceased. Joseph and Margaret (Purcell) Hill both died on the old homestead, the former in September, 1861, and the latter on the 3d of July, 1869, both having been devoted and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, secure in whose faith they passed to their reward. Mr. Hill was in active service during the war of 1812, and, although a poor man when he settled in the virgin forests of Concord township, he accumulated a comfortable estate.

The great loss and bereavement of Mr. Powell's life was that entailed by the death of his cherished and devoted wife, on the 9th of February, 1902. Their wedded life had been protracted over more than half a century, marked by mutual love and confidence and helpfulness, and how idyllic that life was none can know save those who were of the immediate family circle, whose sacred precincts we would not wish to violate by lifting the veil. None but the venerable and bereft husband of her youth and her declining years can appreciate to the full the deprivation which has come, and yet there is a tender chalice of consolation from which he may ever drink, in the memory of a life

of so signal beauty and devotion, in the memory of a loving companionship which was so long vouchsafed him. One who knew her long and well paid the following tribute at the time of her death, the same having been published in a local paper: "She joined the Methodist Episcopal church at Concord sixty-five years ago and was happily converted by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and for all these years she proved a faithful member of the church. Though not in any way dominated by extreme emotionalism, in the walks of Christian life she showed herself to be a true and faithful follower of our divine Lord, and in all these years I never heard her say one word or saw her do one act unbecoming a Christian woman. True and faithful as a wife, kind and loving as a mother, if she could speak to-day she would say to her husband and children, follow me as I have followed Christ, and meet me in heaven, where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest. She will be missed by all her neighbors and friends, for her kind and benevolent acts of life were many; she ever remembered the poor by acts of charity and the distressed by a word of comfort, and their hearts have been made better thereby, so that they would to-day rise up and call her blessed."

James D. Powell may be justly styled a self-made man, for he began life at the foot of the ladder and by his industry and definite purpose, his integrity and discretion he has attained a high degree of prosperity, being now the owner of a landed estate of more than eight hundred acres and being known as one of the representative farmers of the county in which his entire life has been passed. This success is the result of determined and consecutive application in his youth and of the judicious investment of his earnings, which he saved with provident discrimination. In all his labors his wife stood ever ready to lend a helping hand and to cheer him in his efforts, being a true helpmeet and coadjutor. He now has one of the finest homes in Cham-

paign county, and there a gracious and sincere hospitality has ever been in evidence. Mr. Powell is a man of temperate habits and in favor of temperance laws, and his political support is given to the Republican party, while his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. In his business affairs he has ever shown marked sagacity and discrimination and no man could be more honest and upright in every transaction. He is a man of broad information and strong individuality, is genial and courteous in all the relations of life, and has ever commanded the confidence and high esteem of all good citizens. Though he has passed the age of four score years Mr. Powell retains marked physical vigor and gives his personal supervision to his large and important business interests. It is signally consistent that this record be perpetuated for coming generations, and the accompanying portraits of Mr. Powell and his devoted wife, now passed into the life eternal, most properly find place in the connection.

CHRISTOPHER BEHNEY.

For many years Christopher Behney was a prominent figure in the annals of Champaign county and aided materially in its development. By a life of uprightness, industry and honorable dealing,—a life devoted to the support of whatever was good and true,—he won the admiration and genuine regard of a large circle of acquaintances, who sincerely mourned his loss when, upon the 15th of May, 1896, he was called upon to lay aside the burdens, joys and sorrows which had fallen to his share, as to all, in the journey of life.

Mr. Behney was born in Myerstown, Pennsylvania, January 13, 1836, a son of Isaac and Sarah Behney, also natives of that state. They were the parents of four children, of whom our subject was the second

in order of birth. When a small boy he was deprived of a father's protecting care, and was reared by his mother, remaining at home until a young man, and then served an apprenticeship at the cabinetmaker's trade. In 1865 he came to Champaign county, Ohio, and five years later began dealing extensively in horses, buying and selling throughout this section of the state, in which branch of business he met with a very high degree of success. In 1870 he was united in marriage to Malinda Richards, a native of Champaign county, her birth having occurred on the farm on which she now resides. Her father, William Richards, was also born on this old homestead, and his father, Andrew Richards, was a native of Champaign county, his death occurring on the old family homestead. He was a very active worker in the Whig party. The father of Mrs. Behney followed the tilling of the soil as a life occupation, was independent in his political views, and was a member of the Baptist church, having greatly assisted in the erection of the house of worship of that denomination in Urbana. He was united in marriage to Martha Powell in Champaign county, where she was born, reared and educated, and they became the parents of twelve children: Elizabeth, deceased; Henry, deceased; Mrs. Behney; Ruth, deceased; Mary; Phœbe; Florence, deceased; Sally; Kate Bell, deceased; Fannie, deceased; Emma; Charles, deceased, and all were born on the farm where Mrs. Behney now resides. The place consists of a tract of one hundred and thirty acres, all of which is under an excellent state of cultivation and is one of the valuable homesteads of the county.

The union of our subject and wife was blessed with three sons,—Fred, Frank and Ralph,—who are still with their mother. Mr. Behney was a Republican in politics, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Masonic fraternity. His religious preference was indicated by his affiliation with the German Reformed church, while Mrs. Behney is a member of the Baptist denomination.

JAMES F. SPAIN.

The spirit of a pure and noble life burned within the earthly tenement of the man of whom we write, and when the soul took its flight to purer regions and a better state those who mourned most deeply were those who knew him best. Mr. Spain died in the prime of a prolific and useful manhood, and though more than thirty-five years have passed since he journeyed to "that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns," his name is still held in grateful memory in his native county, while appreciation of his loyal services as a surgeon in the Union ranks during the war of the Rebellion, that greatest of all civil and internecine conflicts, will not be forgotten by his old comrades in blue or by others cognizant of his loyal and devoted service in a cause whose victory he did not long survive.

James F. Spain was born in the village of Mechanicsburg, Champaign county, Ohio, on the 26th of June, 1832. He was reared in his native town, securing his early educational discipline in the local schools and preparing himself for the vocation of a teacher. He took up the study of medicine and finally entered one of the leading medical colleges of the city of Chicago, where he was graduated, defraying his expenses by teaching and being principal of the Mechanicsburg public school at the time of his marriage, his wife having been simultaneously a teacher in the schools of that village. He was in the active practice of his profession for only a comparatively brief interval and was incumbent of the office of treasurer of Champaign county in 1865, when his patriotism led him to enlist as a surgeon in the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the regiment was mustered out, when he resumed his official duties as treasurer of his native county, being re-elected to this office, of which he was incumbent at the time of his death, which occurred on the 4th

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of October, 1867. He was a member of the Masonic lodge at Mechanicsburg and at the time of his death a Knight Templar, always being very zealous and enthusiastic in the cause of his order. He was a Republican in his political views, and his religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church, of which his widow is also a devoted member. He was a man of high intellectuality and inflexible integrity, his untimely death ending an honorable and useful career.

On Christmas day, 1855, Mr. Spain was united in marriage to Miss Ellen R. Wilson, an associate teacher in the Mechanicsburg schools, as has already been stated. She was born in Geauga county, Ohio, the daughter of S. L. and Lydia Wilson, natives of New York. Mrs. Spain completed her education in the Ohio Wesleyan University, in the city of Delaware, and thence removed to Mechanicsburg to engage in pedagogic work, in which she was popular and successful. She became the mother of one child, Lydia A., who was but seven months of age at the time of her father's death and who is now the wife of John R. Ross, a representative business man of Urbana, in which city Mrs. Spain has maintained her home since the death of her husband. She takes an active interest in the work of the Presbyterian church, is a woman of gentle refinement and gracious presence and retains the love of a wide circle of friends in the community where she has so long made her home.

GEORGE REAM.

George Ream, now deceased, won a place among the representative citizens and leading farmers of Union township, Champaign county, and is yet remembered, as he will be for years to come, by many who claimed him as a friend. He was born in Dayton, Clark county, Ohio, May 28, 1842. His father, Andrew Ream, was a native of Pennsylvania, reared

and educated there and when a young man came west, locating in Clark county. Here he was united in marriage to Annie Horner, a native of that county, who spent her girlhood days within its borders. This worthy couple became the parents of ten children of whom George Ream was the ninth in order of birth. All were born and reared in Clark county and the family record is one of which the members have every reason to be proud. George Ream began his education in the district schools near his home and during the summer months worked in the fields, thus becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that constitute farm life. At the age of twenty-one he left school and home, coming to Champaign county, where throughout his remaining days he made his home and won honor as a public spirited and progressive citizen. He first stopped in Wayne township where he was employed as a farm hand through the autumn. He afterward removed to Union township and there took up his abode upon the farm upon which he spent his remaining days and where his widow is yet living. He was married on this farm to Miss Sarah Madden, a native of Union township, who has a vivid recollection of the pioneer days of the county. She pursued her education in a log schoolhouse where the methods of instruction were somewhat primitive. Her father, Perry Madden, was a native of Virginia and after arriving at years of maturity came to Champaign county, settling in Union township. There he remained for several years after which he removed to another farm, making some improvements thereon. Mr. and Mrs. Ream began their domestic life upon what is known as the old farm homestead, then comprising seventy-five acres, but the united efforts of this worthy couple resulted in the accumulation of a comfortable competence and they extended the boundaries of their farm until it comprised four hundred and forty-four acres of richly improved land. Mr. Ream was a well known stock dealer, making a specialty of the raising of horses and cattle, of which he always had some very fine grades upon his place.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ream were born two sons, Perry, whose birth occurred on the old homestead and is now deceased; and George, who owns an interest in the farm and looks after the cultivation and improvement of the land. The father served as justice of the peace for many years and was ever loyal to his official duties, his opinions being characterized by strict impartiality. He was a stanch Democrat and was well known throughout the county as a man of sterling worth who enjoyed and merited the friendship of all with whom he became associated. His son, George Ream, is well known as an enterprising citizen and is successfully carrying on the work instituted by his father. He was born on the old homestead December 16, 1873, and received his education at the Ludlow District School No. 8. He assisted his father on the farm until the latter's death, since which time he has devoted his attention exclusively to the management of the estate. May 31, 1897, he was married to Miss Ann L., daughter of David and Emma (Faulkner) Taylor, both of whom are still living, the father being a farmer of Salem township. Mr. and Mrs. Ream have had four children, all boys: Warren, born November 9, 1895; Pearl; Earl, who died shortly after his birth on June 7, 1896; Otho, born June 2, 1899. Grandfather Thomas Taylor was a native of Virginia who came to this county in pioneer days and died about twenty-one years ago. Grandmother Lucy (Chamberlain) Taylor died in July, 1845, and if she had lived until the day of her burial, her age would have been ninety-nine years.

JOHN R. BLACK.

The residents of Salem township who have long remained within its borders and have been prominent in promoting the public welfare know that John R. Black deserves to be accounted among the number. He was born February 20, 1848, in this township and has a large circle

of friends and acquaintances throughout Champaign county, who esteem him for his genuine worth. The ancestry of the family can be traced back to Ireland, where lived Alexander Black, the great-great-grandfather of our subject. Attracted by the opportunities of the new world he left the green isle of Erin and braving the dangers of an ocean voyage at that time made his way to the new world, taking up his residence in Virginia. William Black, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a captain during the war of the Revolution and valiantly aided in the struggle of the colonies which resulted in the establishment of this republic.

Alexander Black, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Augusta county, Virginia, on the 14th of October, 1765. He, too, was loyal to the cause of liberty and when only fifteen years of age joined the colonial forces, but was not in active service during that period. At the age of twenty years he crossed the mountains into Kentucky and lived in a fort called Stroud's Station, three miles from Winchester, for a period of three years. While there he became well acquainted with Daniel Boone, the great Kentucky hunter and Indian fighter. In those days one heard nothing but the howl of the wolf and the whoop of Indians in "the dark and bloody land," as Kentucky was then called. In 1792 he was married to Jane Crocket in Rockbridge county, Virginia, and returned to Kentucky to make that his future home. He was with General Scott's Kentucky Volunteers, which marched to the front, and was with General Wayne when he gained his famous victory over the Indians on the Maumee in August, 1794, being wounded in the face in that battle. In 1809 he moved with his family to Champaign county, Ohio. During the war of 1812 he was a captain and with his company guarded the frontier settlers against the attacks of Indians. Tecumseh with his tribe of Shawnees and Bateast with his tribe of Wyandottes having rebelled against the government and gone with the English,

gave the settlers much trouble and they had to be on constant guard against them all the time of the war. Captain Black was always a warm personal friend of General Simon Kenton, of pioneer fame in Ohio, they having lived neighbors for years. Like all of the old Indian fighters, he had no love for an Indian, as he had spent all of his younger days on the frontier fighting them. Captain Black died in 1854, his wife passing away five years later.

James Black, the father of our subject, was born in Clark county, Kentucky, February 8, 1798, and he was a youth of eleven years when he accompanied his parents to Champaign county, Ohio, in the year 1809. As a boy he enjoyed the experience and pleasure of pioneer life and at the same time bore his part in developing and improving the home farm. From the time of his arrival in this country he resided continuously in Champaign county, and being very successful in farm work, his labors brought to him an excellent return in golden harvests. Being a man of powerful build he was well calculated to stand the hardships of an early pioneer life. After the close of the war of 1812 he was engaged in driving cattle and hogs for two hundred miles through an unbroken wilderness to Detroit. They had to ford all the streams and rivers on the way, build fires at night to keep the panthers and wolves at bay, lie on the ground in rain or snow and all kinds of weather during the trip and had to go on foot all the way there and back. In early life James Black was a Henry Clay Whig, and had a personal acquaintance with that celebrated leader and statesman. Later he joined the ranks of the Republican party, to which he had ever given his stanch support. He was a second cousin of Davy Crockett, the humorist and member of congress from Tennessee, through his mother, Jane Crockett Black. After arriving at years of maturity he married Caroline Culbertson, a native of Erie county, Pennsylvania, born January 26, 1810. Her father, James Culbertson, was a native of Lancaster

county, Pennsylvania, and died in 1835. He served as a private in the war of 1812, and in 1813 came to Champaign county. His father, Samuel Culbertson, was of English lineage and at the time of the Revolutionary war joined the colonial troops, fighting to throw off the yoke of British oppression. His death occurred in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Black, the mother of our subject, died in Champaign county, Ohio, in the seventy-third year of her age. She was married in 1832 and became the mother of three sons and five daughters, all of whom reached years of maturity, while seven of the number married. Three of the family are now deceased. The death of James Black occurred July 3, 1882.

John R. Black, whose name forms the caption of this review, was the sixth child and second son. He was reared in Salem township and no event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for him in his early youth. He worked in the fields and attended the district schools, while later he became a student in the high school at West Liberty. On putting aside his text-books he gave his time and energies to farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of the latter, and with that branch of business he was connected until 1901, when he put aside business cares and is now living in honorable retirement from labor.

December 9, 1886, occurred the marriage of Mr. Black and Miss Belle Robbins, a native of Hunterdon county, New Jersey, born September 21, 1856. She is a daughter of John and Rebecca (Huff) Robbins, the former of whom died in West Liberty in 1887, but her mother is still living. In the family are three children, one daughter and two sons: Maud, Wayne C. and Yale D., aged respectively twelve, ten and eight years.

In connection with his brother, James W. Black, Mr. Black, of this review, owns about six hundred acres of good land, and our subject

also has town property in West Liberty. He is likewise a stockholder in the Farmers Bank of that place, and his brother is one of its directors. In politics he is an earnest advocate of the Republican party, taking an active interest in its growth, and many times he has served as trustee of his township, having ever been efficient and faithful in the discharge of his official duties. For fifteen years he has been one of the board of managers for the Champaign County Agricultural Society and is vice-president at the present time. He has given much time and attention to the advancement of agriculture and the live stock industry for the Champaign county fair. Socially he is connected with the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained the Templar degree, and he also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of West Liberty, being one of its most progressive and active representatives. His life has ever been an exemplification of the beneficent spirit of those organizations. It has been in conformity with manly principles and has been guided by all that is true and bright. He has always resided in Champaign county, and those who have known him from boyhood are numbered among his stanchest friends.

ISAAC N. DILTZ.

Among the citizens of Cable to whom is vouchsafed an honored retirement from labor, as the reward of a long, active and useful business career, is Isaac Newton Diltz, who through an extended period was prominently connected with the agricultural interests of Champaign county. He was born in Union township, this county, August 27, 1833, and is descended from Joseph Diltz, his grandfather, who came from Pennsylvania to Ohio in a very early day. Wesley Diltz, the father of our subject, was a native son of the Buckeye state, his birth occurring in 1801, and he became one of the early pioneers of Champaign county,

and here his death occurred in 1882. He was a very active church worker, holding membership with the Methodist Episcopal denomination, and was identified with Republican principles. For his wife he chose Cynthia Kennard, a native of Shelby county, Ohio, her father, John Kennard, having removed from Kentucky to that county in a very early day. She passed away in death at the age of eighty years. They became the parents of nine children, six daughters and three sons, and all but two reached years of maturity and four are still living, but our subject and his brother, John H., the latter of Urbana, are the only representatives of the family in Champaign county.

Isaac N. Diltz, whose name introduces this review, was early inured to the labors of the farm, and throughout his active business career was extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits. His energy and enterprise, capable management and honorable dealing brought to him a comfortable competence, and therefore in 1899 he was able to put aside all business cares and rest in the enjoyments of the fruits of his former toil. He now rents his valuable little farm of eighty-four acres and resides in Cable. In 1879 Mr. Diltz was united in marriage to Alice Woodward, and after her death Laura E. Diltz became his wife. She is a native daughter of Champaign county. The Republican party receives Mr. Diltz's hearty support and co-operation. He has ever labored earnestly for the progress and advancement of his locality, and in all the walks of life he is found true to duty and to the trusts reposed in him.

WILLIAM MOORE.

The coming of William Moore, the gunsmith, to Champaign county in 1799 was brightened by no greeting from isolated neighbors, nor was there any indication that a pale-face would be a desirable acqui-

sition to lands hitherto the undisputed possession of the Indian. Localities were marked by notches upon the primeval trees rather than by the calculations of a government surveyor, and wigwams furnished a style of architecture from which no departure had as yet been dreamed of. Yet this courageous forerunner of civilization, sturdy in heart and character as the oaks under which he slept at night, created in the wilderness a home and competence for those dependent upon his care, and while clearing and cultivating his land reared to maturity a large family of children.

The father of William Moore emigrated from Ireland long before the Revolutionary war and settled near Uniontown, Pennsylvania, where William was born. The latter married in his native state with Mary Temperance, and thereafter removed to Washington county, Kentucky, where he met one Simon Kenton, enthusiastically in favor of removal to Ohio. It is not surprising that the searchers after better things listened with dawning faith to the tales of larger opportunities by which they were to be surrounded, predictions amply verified by the trend of subsequent events. Conveyed to their destination by ox-teams and wagons, the travelers settled near the present site of Urbana, from which location Mr. Moore in after life removed to Logan county, this state, where his death eventually occurred. Innumerable evidences of his presence in the early days is the heritage of those who now profit by his pioneer struggles. Numerous streams were named by him, notably Mad river and Buck creek, and upon the latter sprang into existence the town of Moorfield, the name a tribute to the honor in which he was held. The children born into the family inherited to a large degree the thrift and industry of their sire, as well as a share of the patience and endurance of one of those pioneer mothers upon whom the trials and deprivations of the times fell with such resistless force.

Colonel Thomas Moore, one of the most influential of the sons

of William Moore, was born in Washington county, Kentucky, and accompanied his parents on the memorable journey to Champaign county in 1799. The rank of colonel was won during his association with the county militia, a service covering several years. A tanner by preferred occupation, he was also extensively engaged in general farming, and his all-around enterprise and ability brought him in contact with many efforts toward the general upbuilding of the locality. He lived to be sixty-nine years of age, while his wife, who was formerly Reliance Bates, died at the age of forty-seven years. Mrs. Moore was a native of Ohio, and when a child came to Madison county, where she was reared, and educated in the public schools. To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore were born the following children: William Henry; Washington; Jesse S., who is a merchant in Mechanicsburg; Mary Temperance; John; Thomas; and Emaline. Of these, Henry, Mary Temperance, John, Thomas and Emaline are deceased. Mr. Moore was a member of the Methodist church, with which denomination most of the other members of his family were connected.

The third generation of the Moore family in Champaign county is represented by the children of Colonel Moore, one of the best known of whom is William B. Moore, named for his grand-sire. He was born in Logan county, Ohio, January 23, 1825, and when a year old was brought to this county, which has since been his home. For many years he engaged in the management of a tannery with marked success, but of late years has been interested in farming. His marriage with Hettie Dye has resulted in the birth of five children, viz: Harry, H. Clay, Thomas, Mabel and Minnie. Mr. Moore is a Republican in national politics, and he enjoys an enviable reputation in the community of which he is a progressive and honored citizen.

The precedent established by Colonel Moore has been maintained by yet another son, Jesse S. Moore, a native of Champaign county, and

born in 1832. Mr. Moore was reared on the paternal homestead, educated in the early subscription schools, and has been a resident of Mechanicsburg since 1856. During that year he entered upon an active business career as a clerk in a dry-goods store. After learning all about the dry goods trade from the bottom up he started an independent enterprise along the same line in 1874, and has since been successful in catering to a large and appreciative patronage. In his young manhood Mr. Moore married Mary M. Rutan, and of this union there are two children, Percy T. and Frank D. In the city which has witnessed his greatest success in life Mr. Moore is esteemed for his sterling worth and unquestioned devotion to the public well-being.

Three of the sons of Colonel Thomas Moore were soldiers of the Civil war. Washington, whose occupation was that of a groceryman, rose to the rank of first lieutenant of his company. He first married Jennie Dye and several years after her death was married to Annie Climer, by which union there were two sons, Roy and Hugh. Henry and Thomas Moore also served as soldiers during the great civil conflict and the former reached the rank of captain of his company.

WASHINGTON LOUDENBACK.

On a well improved farm in section 11, Mad River township, Champaign county, the subject of this review has maintained his home during the entire course of a long and active life, being a son of one of the first settlers in this section of the state and standing as one of the honored and representative citizens of the county.

Mr. Loudenback was born on his present homestead on the 11th of November, 1826, being the son of Reuben and Mary (Wiante) Loudenback, both of whom were born in the Old Dominion state of Vir-

ginia, the father having been of German descent, as the name implies. He came to Champaign county when a young man and took up a tract of wild land in Mad River township, establishing his home in the midst of the towering forest and setting to himself the arduous task of reclaiming the land for cultivation. Here he passed the remainder of his life, respected by all who knew him and doing his part in forwarding the development of this now opulent and attractive section of the Buckeye state. His wife came to Champaign county when a young woman, and here occurred her marriage to Mr. Loudenback, whom she survived by many years, attaining the age of three score years and ten, while her husband passed away at the age of forty-three years. They became the parents of four sons and five daughters, all of whom attained years of maturity and were married, with the exception of one daughter, the subject of this review having been the fifth in order of birth and one of the number who survive at the present time. He was reared in his native township, growing up under the sturdy discipline implied in clearing away the forest and cultivating the fields thus produced, while he bore also his share of the hardships and privations necessarily involved, the family home in the days of his youth being one of the pioneer log cabins of the primitive type common to the locality and period, while such educational privileges as were his were afforded in the little log school house, with its puncheon floor, slab benches and wide, yawning fireplace. True friendship, honesty and integrity and no small amount of good cheer were typical in the early days, and the discipline was such as to engender strong mental and physical vigor, integrity, kindliness and a high regard for the dignity of honest toil and endeavor, so that, as the shadows of life begin to lengthen, and while surrounded by the conveniences and comforts typical of the twentieth century, Mr. Loudenback finds pleasure in reverting to the scenes and incidents of the early days.

Our subject remained on the homestead farm after attaining his majority, and in this township, on the 25th of September, 1851, was solemnized his marriage to Miss Sarah Taylor, who was born in Mad River township, being the daughter of Benjamin Taylor, one of its honored pioneers and the eldest in a family of three children, of whom two are living at the present time. Mr. and Mrs. Loudenbaek are the parents of six children, namely: Mary J., Sarah C., Asa T., Mildred, Jennie and Simeon, none of whom are married except Jennie and Simeon. Simeon is engaged in the real estate business in Chicago. Mr. Loudenback has made the best of improvements on his farm, which comprises one hundred and eighty-three acres, and no man is more highly esteemed than he in the township where he has thus passed his entire life, attaining success through strenuous and well directed effort and contributing by influence and tangible aid to those legitimate undertakings through which the general good is conserved. In politics he has ever given a stanch allegiance to the Democratic party, but has never been an aspirant for political office.

MARION GUTHRIDGE.

For a number of years an active factor in the industrial interests in Mingo, Marion Guthridge, through his diligence, perseverance and business ability, has acquired a handsome competence and has also contributed to the general prosperity through the conduct of an enterprise which has furnished employment to many. A native son of Wayne township, Champaign county, Ohio, his birth here occurred on the 20th of September, 1848. His mother, Polly Ainsworth Guthridge, is a native of Champaign county, Ohio, where she is still living at the age of seventy-four years, and a daughter of William and Fanny (Kimble)

Guthridge, William being born in Virginia, while his mother was born in Vermont.

Marion Guthridge has spent his entire life in the county of his nativity, and in its district schools received his early educational training, while later he became a student in the high school of Cable. When the Civil was was inaugurated he was but a lad of fifteen years, but nobly offered his services in defense of the starry banner, becoming a member of Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, enlisting on the 2d of May, 1864. He served through his term of enlistment as a private and at its close he received an honorable discharge at Columbus, Ohio, on the 1st of September, 1864. Returning thence to his mother's home at Cable, he remained with her for a time and in the spring of 1865 removed to Mingo, where for the following three years he found employment in a sawmill. On the expiration of that period, in 1868, he purchased the property and has since conducted the mill, which is now the largest of its kind in the county, and in addition to this valuable property he is also the owner of a farm in Wayne township, which he rents.

In the year 1873 Mr. Guthridge was united in marriage to Agnes Hunter, a daughter of Thomas Hunter, and to this union were born three children,—Edgar, who married Edith Callahan and is the efficient station agent at Rittman, Wayne county, Ohio; Thomas, who died in infancy; and Walter, of Basler, Wyoming, where he is working as an operator on the Union Pacific Railroad. The mother was called to the home beyond on the 6th of March, 1883, and on the 27th of May, 1885, Mr. Guthridge was united in marriage to Ella Z. Robinson, a daughter of the Rev. J. M. Robinson, a member of the Cincinnati conference for twenty-eight years, and now deceased. Mrs. Guthridge is the second child and the second daughter in order of birth in her parents' family, and she was born at Mount Repose, Clermont county, Ohio. Mr. Guth-

ridge is a stanch suporter of Republican principles, and for eleven years has served his township as its treasurer. He is a member of John Briney Post, G. A. R., of North Lewisburg, and is also identified with the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in the blue lodge and chapter in North Lewisburg, and in the commandery at Urbana. He is also a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. Both he and his wife are worthy and active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has served as a recording secretary for ten years and for a long period has been the superintendent of the Sunday-school.

GRANT V. FROMME.

Connected with a profession which has important bearing upon the stable prosperity and progress of the community and stands as a conservator of human rights and liberties, Grant V. Fromme has already obtained a creditable position at the bar of Champaign county, although he is yet a young man. He was born in the town of Saint Paris, June 3, 1866, and is a son of John Frederick Fromme, a native of Germany, who on leaving the fatherland when about twenty-six years of age crossed the Atlantic to the new world and located first in Dayton, Ohio. Soon afterward, however, he came to Champaign county, and took up his abode in Saint Paris, where for many years he was engaged in the furniture and undertaking business, but is now living retired in the enjoyment of a rest which he has richly earned and deserves, his home being still in Saint Paris. He was married there many years ago to Franceska Carlo, a daughter of Dr. Moretz Carlo, and a native of Champaign county. She died in 1896, at the age of fifty-nine years. By their marriage there were born six children, five sons and one daughter.

Grant V. Fromme was reared in Saint Paris and there attended the public schools, graduating in the high school in the year 1883. He afterward spent one year in the Ohio Normal University at Ada but in the meantime had engaged in teaching for three years. From Ada he went to Cincinnati, where he became a student in the law school and was graduated in 1889, being admitted to the bar in the same year. In the fall of 1889 he located at Van Wert, Ohio, and became a law partner of Horace G. Richie, practicing law there for three years. He then returned to Champaign county, and has since been a member of the Urbana bar, being connected with much of the important litigation tried in the courts of this district. In 1898 Mr. Fromme married Miss Nora McMorran, of Champaign, and they have one child, Eloise. In politics our subject is a Republican and is prominent in the councils of his party in this locality. He is a pleasant, genial gentleman and in manner is unassuming, is thoroughly honest and his business methods will bear the closest inspection. He is admired by his fellow men, and for these and other excellent traits of character well deserves mention among the representative citizens of Champaign county.

JOSEPH W. DAVIS.

As general history is but composite biography it naturally follows that the deepest human interest in study and investigation must lie along those lines where thought has engendered achievement, not less for the general than the individual good. In any locality where progress has left its consecutive tracings there must ever be a dominant interest in reverting to the lives which have been an integral part of such advancement,—whether on the lofty plane of "massive deeds and great,"

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or on the more obscure levels where honest purpose and consecutive endeavor play their part not less nobly and effectively. The Buckeye state is peculiarly rich in historic lore, and it can not but be a matter of gratification to find in these latter days of electrical progress that to the favored commonwealth remains a numerous progeny of those who stood as founders and builders of the state's prosperity. In the case at hand we are permitted to touch briefly upon the life history of one who is a native son of the city of Mechanicsburg, Champaign county, where he has ably upheld the high reputation maintained by his honored father, both as a citizen and a business man, while it was his to render yeoman service as one of Ohio's loyal sons who went forth in defense of the Union when its integrity was menaced by armed rebellion. "Peace hath its victories no less renowned than war," said Sumner, and this fact has been proven often and again, as the march of progress has continued with ever accelerating speed. But the crucial period and the one which evokes the most exalted patriotism is that when a nation's honor is in jeopardy, its integrity threatened and the great ethic principles of right involved. Then is sterling manhood roused to definite protest and decisive action, and above all the tumult and horror of internecine conflict never can greater honor be paid than to him who aids in holding high the standard which represents the deeper principles, hurling oppression back and keeping the boon of liberty. The military career of the subject of this review is one which will ever redound to his honor as a loyal and devoted son of the republic, and as one whose courage was that of his convictions, and yet one who was content to fight for principle and for his country's righteous cause rather than for mere glory in arms or relative precedence. That he is eminently entitled to consideration in a publication of this nature is self-evident, and as one who has played well his part in connection with the public, civic, industrial and military affairs of Champaign county we are gratified to here offer a resumé of his career, thus perpetuating a most worthy record.

Joseph Ware Davis, who is successfully engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in Mechanicsburg, is a native of this town, where he was born on the 30th of October, 1842, being a son of John M. and Affalandert (Pearce) Davis, the former of whom was one of the honored and prominent business men of Mechanicsburg in the early days, having been engaged in the same line of enterprise as is our subject and having continued operations in this direction for a period of nearly twenty years, ever commanding the confidence and esteem of the community and being known as a man of unbending integrity of purpose. He was significantly the artificer of his own fortunes, since he was thrown upon his own resources when a mere boy, but this unfortunate contingency, involved in the death of his parents, was not sufficiently potent to greatly handicap the career of the ambitious and self-reliant youth, who bent circumstance to his will and advanced to a position of independence through his own efforts. John M. Davis was born in the city of Carlisle, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and he was left an orphan at the age of three years, a circumstance which naturally clouded his youth to a considerable degree, in that it threw him upon immature and unsatisfactory resources. However, he availed himself of such advantages as presented, and in preparing for the active responsibilities of life he learned the carpenter's trade, in the city of Philadelphia, becoming a skilled artisan in the line and thus being adequately equipped for the battle of life. As a young man he came to Ohio and located in the city of Urbana, Champaign county, where he made his home for some time and where he nearly lost his life in the memorable cyclone of 1832, his few worldly possessions being also practically destroyed at the time. He took up his residence in Mechanicsburg in 1835, and here success came to him as the result of his energetic and honorable efforts, for, as a furniture dealer and undertaker, he secured a large supporting patronage and attained a fair com-

petence. He was a director of the underground railroad and was one of the first six to vote the abolition ticket in Mechanicsburg. He was conscientious in feeding and assisting the slave in his road to liberty, believing it was not in accordance with God's will. His death, in 1884, at the age of seventy-eight years, terminated a career of signal usefulness and honor. He held membership in the Methodist Protestant church, while his devoted wife, a woman of gentle and noble attributes of character, was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. She survived him by more than a decade, entering into eternal rest in 1896, at the venerable age of eighty-seven years, secure in the love and filial solicitude of her children, whom she had reared to years of usefulness and honor.

Joseph Ware Davis, the subject of this sketch, secured his early educational discipline in the public schools of Mechanicsburg and here he learned the cabinetmaker's trade in his youth, having just completed his trade at the time when the dark cloud of civil war cast its gruesome pall over the national horizon. He was among the first to tender his services in defense of the Union, for three years' service, since on the 9th of August, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company B, Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for a term of three years, and in 1863 he veteranized, re-enlisting in the same company and being promoted to the office of commissary sergeant of his regiment, while at the time of receiving his honorable discharge, on the 18th of July, 1865, he held the office of lieutenant, being mustered out with this rank. During the first year of his service he was with his command in Virginia, and at Harper's Ferry he was taken prisoner by the Confederate forces, but was eventually exchanged, after which he accompanied his regiment to the southwest, being assigned to Logan's division and McPherson's corps, with which he participated in the movements and engagements of the Army of the Tennessee, taking an active part

in the siege of Vicksburg. He was an eye witness to the meeting of Generals Grant and Pemberton between the Confederate and Union lines, which resulted in the surrender of the army that had so ably defended the city for forty days, and on the following day, July 4, 1863, he marched with Logan's division into the city. Later he was with Sherman in the Atlanta campaign and the memorable march to the sea, making the long and weary march through the Carolinas. His active service terminated with the surrender of General Joseph Johnston, at Raleigh, North Carolina, and after the great victory crowned the Union arms he proceeded with his command to the city of Washington, where he took part in the grand review of the victorious armies. From the federal capital the regiment proceeded to Louisville, Kentucky, where Mr. Davis received his honorable discharge, his record having been that of a valiant and faithful soldier. He retains the most lively concern in all that touches the welfare of his old comrades in arms, whose ranks are being so rapidly decimated by the one invincible foe of mankind, and he is ever ready to recall the kindlier associations of that crucial epoch with which he was so closely identified as a soldier of the Republic. He is prominently identified with the Grand Army of the Republic, being a member of Stephen Baxter Post, No. 8, in his home city, and his popularity in the same has been shown in his having served as commander of the post for three terms.

After the close of the war Mr. Davis returned to his native city, and here he turned his attention to contracting and building, in which line he gained prestige and success. His interest in public affairs has long been of vital order and he has figured as one of the uncompromising supporters of the principles and policies of the Republican party, in whose councils and cause he has played an active part. He served for nine years as a member of the city council of Mechanicsburg, was for three years incumbent of the office of treasurer of Goshen township,

and for eight years he rendered efficient service as a member of the local board of education. A further mark of the confidence and esteem reposed in him by the people of his native county was that shown in 1888, when he was elected to the office of treasurer of Champaign county, giving an able and discriminating administration of the fiscal affairs and being chosen his own successor at the expiration of his first term of two years, so that he was consecutively in tenure of the office for a period of four years, during which he resided in the city of Urbana, the official center of the county. Upon retiring from office a resumption of his former vocation seemed inexpedient, and Mr. Davis therefore turned his attention to the line of enterprise in which his father had been so prominently engaged, and he has built up an excellent business, having a large and comprehensive stock of furniture and having the best modern equipment as a funeral director. His correct business methods and his personal popularity have conserved the success of his enterprise and he is numbered among the progressive and representative business men of his native city. He and his wife are both zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in whose work they take an active part, and fraternally our subject is identified with Mechanicsburg Lodge, No. 113, F. & A. M., of which he was worshipful master for a period of three years. He has ever shown a marked appreciation of the duties of citizenship, and his public spirit instigates an intelligent and helpful co-operation in all measures for the general good of the community in which he has passed practically his entire life.

On the 17th of September, 1868, Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Mollie Jones, who was likewise born in Mechanicsburg, being a daughter of Robert and Nancy Jones, one of the pioneers of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Davis became the parents of three children, of whom two are living, namely: Hallie G., who is the wife of Harry Ridge, of Cincinnati; and David Thomas, who is associated with his

father in business. The great loss and bereavement which came to Mr. and Mrs. Davis in the death of their elder son, John Robert, constitutes the only great shadow which has fallen upon their long and ideal married life. A young man of noble character and one who had made for himself a place of value in connection with the active duties of life, while he held the most unequivocal esteem of a wide circle of friends, he was cut down in his gracious youth, leaving that void in the hearts of his lived ones that can not be filled, though there must ever be a measure of consolation and compensation in knowing how truly and worthily he had lived his life.

John Robert Davis was born in Mechanicsburg on the 17th of April, 1873, and he was summoned into eternal rest on the 5th of April, 1902, at Phœnix, Arizona, whither he had gone in the hope of recuperating his health. His life was spent almost in its entirety in his native place, though his education was finished in Urbana while his father was there living as incumbent of the office of county treasurer. There he entered the Swedenborgian College, but later became a student in the Urbana high school, where he was graduated as a member of the class of 1888. From his early years he had manifested a desire to identify himself with the banking business, and as preparatory to duties in this line he was matriculated in the Eastman Business College, in the city of Poughkeepsie, New York, where he was graduated in 1892. Soon afterward a vacancy occurred in the office corps of the Farmers' Bank, in his home city, and he was chosen to fill the office, which he practically held until his death. The cashier of the bank gave the following tribute to the young man at the time of his death: "Rob came to work at the bank in March, 1894, and up to the time he began to fail in health, in the summer of 1901, he was absent from the bank very few working days. Rob was an ideal bank man. Not once did he presume upon his position; not once, even in the smallest way, did he

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betray a confidence either of his employers or the bank's customers. All three of the presidents under whom he served appreciated his sterling worth and loved him as a son. He enjoyed his work and never shirked or complained, no matter how great the provocation. It can truly be said that he never spoke an unkind word to any officer in the bank. He was loved by all,—so much so that the thought of electing his successor was not considered until hope of his recovery could be no longer entertained. We gladly took on his work for several months, with the hope that rest and change would see him well again. He came back from his trip to the east in excellent spirits, but it soon became apparent that he was getting through with his work only by the greatest effort. Realizing his condition finally, he manfully faced the situation and asked us to elect his successor. In contemplating the loss of Rob from the bank and from our circle of true friends the final words of the Rev. Dr. Marley at the funeral of Uncle Dick Williams came forcibly to our minds, 'We will never see his like again.' " We can not refrain from quoting farther from a memoir contributed to the Mechanicsburg News by J. M. Mulford: "Robert Davis' life fully carried out Cardinal Newman's idea of a gentleman, he 'never inflicted pain,' but he was more than that, he was a Christian gentleman,—'the noblest type of manhood.' His activity in church work began in Urbana, when he united with the Presbyterian church. He remained a communicant of the faith for several years. Upon returning to this city (Mechanicsburg) he became an attendant of the Church of Our Savior, and when the Christmastide of 1900 was approaching he felt it to be his duty to be confirmed. From that time he was happy in all his relations to the church, at home making it the subject of much conversation, and spending much time with the prayer book. It was in the family circle that the warmth of Rob's love was most manifest. His father says, 'Rob never gave me an unkind word,' and though he loved dearly all the family his devotion

to his mother was ideal. His life was quiet, yet it did not limit the circle of his friends. All who knew him knew him but to love. A merchant said to me yesterday, 'Rob needs no eulogy; his life was almost Christlike,' and his brother-in-law, Mr. Ridge, spoke volumes when he said, 'To be in Rob's presence for ten minutes made one a better man.' Such tributes as these are bright gems in the casket of jewels made up of the precious memories of his life. Robert Davis is gone. His life was a blessing; may his death be a benediction to us all." Of the estimate placed upon this noble young man by those who knew him best the foregoing words are significant, and the infinite life gained a new glory when death placed its seal upon his mortal lips.

HARTLAND D. GOWEY.

Respected by all who know him, Mr. Gowey well deserves representation in this work and with pleasure we present his life record to our readers. He resides in North Lewisburg and is a native of New York, his birth having occurred in Nelson, Madison county, on the 20th of November, 1821. His paternal grandfather was of Holland lineage, the family being founded in America in 1630 by ancestors who came to New York. The Judson family, from whom our subject is descended in the maternal line, is of English lineage and was established in Connecticut on the Connecticut river above Hartford. Her father, John Gowey, was a native of Vermont, born in Arlington, December 29, 1791, and married Fannie Judson in his native place on the 7th of October, 1811. In 1821 they removed to New York, there making their home until 1837, in which year they became residents of Ohio, but in 1852 went to Iowa and located upon a farm, where they spent their

remaining days. The father's death occurred in his ninety-eighth year. He had ten children, all of whom reached adult age, were married and reared families. The mother was about eighty-six years of age at the time of her death. She was a relative of the first Indian missionary who went into the wilds of the west. This worthy couple traveled life's journey together for sixty-four years, their mutual love and confidence increasing as time passed. Their children were: Galesey, born in 1819; Hartland D., born in 1821; Arvilla, in 1823; Rolland, in 1825; Florian, in 1827; Ossian J., in 1829; Lovancia, in 1831; John F., in 1833; and Floretta H., in 1835. Of this family only two are now deceased. Florian died at Millikens Bend while serving in the Civil war and Rolland died in 1896.

Mr. Gowey, of this review, was the second child and eldest son of his father's family. His early education was obtained in a cabin in the pine woods of Allegany county, New York, and the methods of instruction were somewhat primitive. In 1837 he accompanied his parents to Ohio, the family locating in Licking county. When he was but sixteen years of age he began teaching school in that county and followed the profession continuously for twenty years. In 1844 he came to Champaign county and was identified with educational work in this portion of the state until two decades had passed. In 1853 he was appointed postmaster of North Lewisburg and held the office continuously until 1886, covering a period of thirty-three years. For ten years he was mayor of the town, being elected to that office first in 1853 and again in 1893. He was justice of the peace for six years and was recorder and clerk of the town for thirty years. He has also been school examiner, and for thirty-three years was notary public. He filled many other local offices, discharging his duties with a promptness and fidelity above question.

Mr. Gowey was married in 1846 to Miss Eliza A. Willey, and

unto them were born two sons. John Franklin Gowey, the eldest of these, was born in North Lewisburg, December 7, 1846, and pursued his education in the Ohio Wesleyan University. On the 10th of May, 1869, he was admitted to the bar and attained prominence in his profession. From 1873 until 1875 he was a member of the Ohio legislature and from 1876 until 1880 was prosecuting attorney of Champaign county. Later he was appointed registrar of the United States Land Office at Olympia, Washington, acting in that capacity from 1882 until 1886, and from 1887 until 1888 was a member of the territorial legislature. He attained prominence not only in political circles there but also in business life and in 1888 was chosen president of the First National Bank of Olympia. On the 25th of April, 1867, he married Clara McDonald, a daughter of James and Rachel McDonald, of Woodstock, Champaign county, Ohio. They had one son, Franklin McDonald, born June 4, 1869. Mr. Gowey was married the second time, November 3, 1886, to Georgiana Stevens, who was born at Lowell, Massachusetts, September 23, 1852, a daughter of Dearborn and Olive B. (James) Stevens. Mr. Gowey died at Yokohama, Japan, while serving as consul-general, in 1900. He was a prominent thirty-third degree Mason and had attained a position of distinction in national affairs and in business life.

Marcus C. Gowey, the younger son of our subject, was born in 1848, became a prominent attorney and is now living in North Lewisburg. He was married January 3, 1872, to Marando L. Mumford, daughter of M. H. and Lydia (Bennett) Mumford, and they are now living in their beautiful home on Townsend street which they have occupied for the last ten years. Mr. Gowey is still practicing law in this village. He has been a member of Masonic Blazing Star Lodge, No. 268, of Lewisburg, for thirty years, of Chapter Star, No. 126, R. A. M.,

Raper Commandery, No. 19, of Urbana, and also a member of Launcelot Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Urbana.

At the present time our subject is filling the position of observer for the government weather bureau, making reports each week. He is a very prominent Mason, served as master of his lodge for eight years and for two years was high priest of Star Chapter, R. A. M. He is one of the best known men of the county and his labors have contributed in a large measure to the public progress and improvement. His worth is widely acknowledged, for in public office he was ever a faithful custodian of the affairs of the town and county, so that over the record of his career there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil.

OLIVER P. JENKINS.

Oliver Perry Jenkins, one of the best known and most highly esteemed pioneers of Wayne township, Champaign county, was born in what is now Cable, in this county, December 16, 1816. His paternal grandfather, Richard Jenkins, was born in Virginia, but in a very early day took up his abode in the Buckeye state, and his death here occurred in Fayette county. His son and the father of our subject, William Jenkins, was born, reared and married in the Old Dominion, and in 1810 came to Wayne township, Champaign county, where for a time he rented a farm of a Mr. Taylor. In 1818 he located on the place on which our subject now resides, but the land was then covered with dense woods, and its only improvements consisted of a small log cabin. On this old homestead he spent the remainder of his life, being called to his final rest at the age of seventy-two years. He was a life-long farmer, and a few years before his death united with the Christian church.

In the early days he gave his political support to the Whig party and after the organization of the new Republican party he joined its ranks and ever afterward remained a true and loyal supporter of its principles. Mr. Jenkins was twice married, choosing for his first wife a Miss Williams, by whom he had two daughters and three sons, but all are now deceased. After her death he married Miss Anna Spillers, a native also of the Old Dominion, and there her death occurred at the age of fifty years. Unto this union were born three children, two sons and a daughter.

Oliver P. Jenkins, the only son and the second child of the above family, was but two years of age when the family located on the farm on which he now resides, and during his youth he attended the old log school house in the neighborhood. On this old homestead he has lived for eighty-three years, and he, too, has been a life-long farmer, his labors in his chosen calling having brought to him a handsome competence. Mr. Jenkins was first married in August, 1838, when Miss Julia Elsworth became his wife, and they had four children, namely: William, deceased; Mary, the wife of Jasper Hess, of Iowa; Susan, also deceased; and Julia Ann, who is yet unmarried and makes her home in Champaign county. On the 28th of June, 1846, Mr. Jenkins was united in marriage to Catherine Sallie, a native of Clark county, Ohio. Six children have blessed this union: Richard, James, John W., Lorana, Etta and Charlie. All of the children were born in the old family home where the Jenkinses have so long resided. Our subject united with the Methodist Protestant church in 1839, and is still an honored member of that denomination, in which he has long held the office of steward. He donated the land on which the present church now stands, and in the churchyard he has a family vault. In political matters he has been a life-long Republican, and prior to the organization of that party he voted with the Whigs. His first presidential vote was cast for General

Harrison in 1840. He is one of the most honored and highly esteemed citizens of his community, and it is safe to say that no man in Wayne township has a wider circle of friends and acquaintances than Oliver Perry Jenkins.

CHARLES DAGGER.

Charles Dagger, a well known farmer residing in Concord township, is one of Champaign county's native sons, born in Concord township May 7, 1823. His paternal grandfather, Peter Dagger, was a native of Pennsylvania, but his death occurred in Virginia. He was a Revolutionary hero, having served for about three years under General Washington. John Dagger, the father of our subject, was a native of Botetourt county, Virginia, and when about twenty years of age removed to Miami county, Ohio, where he made his home with his maternal grandparents for about one years. In the spring of 1816 he came to Champaign county, taking up his abode in Concord township, on Anderson's creek, where he cleared and improved a farm of one hundred and eight acres. About 1830 he entered another tract, consisting of one hundred and twenty acres, which he also cleared and improved, except four acres of woodland. In Miami county, Ohio, Mr. Dagger was united in marriage to Elizabeth Bousman, a native of Rockbridge county, Virginia. In a very early day, however, she came with her parents to the Buckeye state, they being among the earliest settlers of the county. The union was blessed with nine children, as follows: Mary, Phebe and Peter, deceased; Charles, of this review; Lawrence, also deceased; Sarah; Angeline; Jane, deceased; Armenta. Mr. Dagger passed away in death in Urbana in 1871, at the ripe old age of seventy-six. He was born in 1795. He was a Whig in his political belief and was a supporter of John Fremont.

Charles Dagger, whose name introduces this review, attended the schools of his native township until his twenty-second year, but during that time had also served as an instructor, and after putting aside his text-books he assisted in the work of the home farm. In 1844 he drove a team to Virginia, where he remained for about three weeks, and after his return home again gave his father the benefit of his services. When about twenty-five years of age he left the parental roof, purchasing and removing to a farm of seventy acres in Concord township, on which he made his home from 1849 until 1858, after which he sold that place and purchased a farm in Shelby county, Ohio. In addition to his farming property he also owned an interest in a warehouse in that county, but after a residence there of one year he returned to the old Dagger homestead, where he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits for the following four years. On the expiration of that period he located on one hundred and fifty-seven acres of his present farm, to which he has since added until its boundaries now contain two hundred and thirty-seven acres of excellent land, on which he has erected many substantial and valuable improvements.

Mr. Dagger was married in 1848, when Miss Barbara Whitmore became his wife. She was born in Mad River township, Champaign county, June 8, 1828, and in the county of her birth her entire life has been passed. Her parents were both natives of the Old Dominion, but in a very early day they came to this county. They were the parents of six children, four of whom are now living, and all were born in Champaign. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dagger have been born ten children, namely: John, deceased; Katherine, who is the wife of A. W. Grumurman, a farmer of Mad River township; Elizabeth, deceased; Jacob; Frank; Emma, Jane and Simon, also deceased; Charles; and Anna, deceased. All were born in Champaign county with the exception of Emma, who had her nativity in Shelby county, Ohio. The family are members of the Method-

ist Episcopal church. The Republican party has always found in Mr. Dagger a stalwart supporter of its principles and his aid has never been withheld from any enterprise which he believed calculated to advance the moral, intellectual or material welfare of his township or county.

WILLIAM CALLAND.

From an early period in the history of the development of Champaign county the name of Calland has been prominently connected with the agricultural interests of this locality. The subject of this review is one of the county's adopted sons, his birth having occurred in Noble county on the 25th of August, 1819. His father, William Calland, was a native of the far-off country of Scotland, and was there reared and educated. After his marriage he came to the United States, in about 1800, and upon his arrival in this country made his way to Monroe county, Ohio, where he made his home for about fifteen years. For the following year he made his home in Bellefontaine, this state, coming thence to Champaign county in 1832, where he followed the tilling of the soil until his life's labors were ended in death, at the age of seventy-eight years. During his residence here he cleared and drained much valuable land, and in many ways assisted in the development and progress of the county. In his native land he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Armstrong, who was there born and reared, and her death also occurred in Champaign county, Ohio. Nine children were born to bless this union, four sons and five daughters, and the three eldest were born in Scotland. During the journey to this country the mother carried her babe in her arms for five hundred miles. Mr. Calland was a stanch Republican in his political views. He was a worthy member

of the Presbyterian church, in which he long held the office of deacon, and he assisted in the erection of the house of worship at Spring Hill.

William Calland, whose name introduces this review, was eleven years of age when with his parents he located in Adams township, Champaign county, and to its public school system he is indebted for the educational privileges which he received in his youth. After his marriage he brought his bride to Harrison township, and on the farm on which they first located after their arrival here they continued to make their home until 1898, when they came to their present place. His homestead now consists of two hundred and sixty acres of rich and well improved land, and from his well tilled fields he annually reaps golden harvests. Throughout his entire life he has been identified with the history of the Buckeye state, and now in his declining years is living in retirement at his pleasant home in Harrison township, crowned with the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded an honorable old age.

When twenty-five years of age Mr. Calland was united in marriage to Eleanor Robinson, a native of Harrison township, Champaign county. Her father, Ralph Robinson, was born in Kentucky, and he was the second man to locate in Harrison township, where he cleared and improved a farm of two hundred acres. Wild was the region into which he came. Its forests stood in their primeval strength, the prairie land was still unbroken and the Indians roamed through the dense woods. He was here married to Hannah Concland, who was born and reared in Virginia. Of their eight children Mrs. Calland was the fourth in order of birth and only three are now living. Five children have been born unto our subject and wife, but two are now deceased, Samuel and Edna, and those now living are,—Joseph, Sarah and William. All were born in Champaign county. The family are members of the Pres-

byterian church at Spring Hill, and Mr. Calland assisted materially in the erection of its house of worship. He gives his political support to the Republican party.

WILLIAM ROUSE.

It is our privilege to pay a brief tribute to the memory of William Rouse. An honorable, broad-minded, Christian gentleman in the best sense of the term, he commanded the respect and confidence of those with whom he came in contact, and the memory of his upright life is an inspiration to the many friends who knew him well and were familiar with his virtues. He was a native son of Champaign county, his birth having here occurred on the 14th of January, 1821. His father, James M. Rouse, was also a native of this county, who in 1830 came to Concord township and located on the present Rouse homestead. He cleared a part of his land and place many improvements thereon, and at his death left an excellent farm of two hundred acres. Here his death occurred in 1849. In the county of his nativity he was married to Mary Weaver, also a native of this locality, and they became the parents of eight children, seven sons and a daughter.

William Rouse, the eldest of the children, assisted his father in the work of the home farm until the latter's death, after which he took charge of the old home farm and added many substantial improvements. At his death he left to his family a valuable estate of one hundred and twenty acres. Both he and his father gave their political support to the Republican party, and both took an active and commendable interest in the public life of the county. In 1849 our subject was united in marriage to Christiana Keller. She was born in Pennsylvania, but when an infant was taken by her parents to Maryland, where she was reared and

received her education. At the age of sixteen years she accompanied her parents on their removal to Urbana, Ohio, and later moved with them to a farm in Concord township, which is still in the possession of the family as their homestead. Her father, George Keller, was born in Pennsylvania, and was there reared and educated. In his early life he gave his political support to the Whig party and after the organization of the new Republican party joined its ranks. When this section of the country was yet new and wild he took up his abode in Champaign county, and here spent the remainder of his life, passing away in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church. While yet a resident of Pennsylvania, in 1813, he was married to Mary Long, and she, too, was a native of that commonwealth. Six children blessed that union, Mrs. Rouse being the fourth in order of birth. By her marriage to Mr. Rouse she also became the mother of six children, namely: Mary, the wife of Smith Bell, who is engaged in business in Urbana; Ella, at home; Francis and Harriett, deceased; Emma, wife of Charles Herr, a farmer of Concord township; and William, who married Elizabeth Crowl, and is a farmer in Harrison township. All were born on the old Rouse homestead in Champaign county. Of the eight grandchildren of Mrs. Rouse, Harry Bell, Ethel Herr, Edthis and Harold Rouse were also born on the old homestead. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Northville, of which Mr. Rouse was one of the organizers and for many years an officer therein. In his fraternal relations he was a member of the Masonic order at West Liberty. His last days were spent at his pleasant home in Concord township, and there he closed his eyes in death on the 13th of September, 1870. Through the period of early development he was an important factor in the improvement and advancement of this section of the state, and in his death the community mourned the loss of one of its truest and best citizens.

JOHN C. BUTCHER, M. D.

The atmosphere of Champaign county, Ohio, seems fitted for the production of a cultivated and progressive body of physicians, the spirit of the people being in harmony with the aspirations of the constituent members of the profession for the highest possible attainment in the noble science of healing. Among the urbane and thoroughly skilled physicians and surgeons of this section of the Buckeye state Dr. Butcher holds a prominent position, having a representative practice and enjoying marked popularity. Additional interest attaches to his career from the fact that his father was one of the pioneer physicians of the state, a man of strong character and noble impulses and one whose life was one of signal self-abnegation and distinctive usefulness, his memory being revered by hundreds to whom he ministered so unreservedly and kindly during the long years of his active practice.

John C. Butcher is a native son of Ohio, having been born in Belmont county on the 4th of April, 1846, the son of Dr. J. M. S. and Nancy Jane (Brock) Butcher. Dr. J. M. S. Butcher in early life learned the blacksmith trade, which he followed for some time, finally abandoning the same to devote his energies and abilities to the practice of medicine, for which he thoroughly prepared himself. He was one of the pioneer physicians of Ohio, coming here in an early day and locating in Belmont county, whence he later removed to Champaign county, locating at North Lewisburg, where he was actively engaged in practice for many years, traversing a wide radius of country in his professional work and endearing himself to the community by his unvarying kindness and sterling rectitude of character. He was one of the first representatives of the Eclectic school of practice, was a close student and was eminently successful in his professional work. A man of strong convictions and noble attributes, it was but natural that he should abhor the

odious institution of human slavery, and in the crucial period culminating the war of the Rebellion he was known as an uncompromising and fearless abolitionist. Because of his unwavering position and opposition to slavery he met with no little persecution, but his courage never faltered, though he was compelled to go armed on many of his professional trips in order to protect his life. He tendered his services to the Union when the war finally began, acting as surgeon in an Ohio regiment and doing all in his power to further the cause in whose justice he so firmly believed. He was summoned into eternal rest some years ago, honored by all who knew him, and he will long be remembered as a man who was signally true and faithful in all the relations of life.

Dr. John C. Butcher received his early educational discipline in the public schools of North Lewisburg and thereafter continued his literary studies for one year in the Ohio Wesleyan University, in the city of Delaware. He returned to his home and for a time was engaged in the dry-goods business in North Lewisburg, disposing of his interests in this enterprise by reason of impaired health, which rendered it necessary for him to seek less sedentary employment. He finally began the technical study of medicine, under the able direction of his honored father, and then entered the Eclectic Medical College, in Cincinnati, where he was graduated in 1871. Thereafter he was engaged in practice at North Lewisburg for two years, at the expiration of which, in 1873, he came to Urbana, where he has now continuously followed the work of his profession for nearly thirty years, holding marked precedence as a thoroughly skilled physician and surgeon, retaining a representative patronage and being known and honored as one of the leading medical practitioners of the county. He is prominent in the councils of the school of practice to which he belongs, being a prominent member of the Ohio State Eclectic Medical Society, of which he was president for one year, having been elected to this office by a unanimous vote, while he served

two terms as vice-president of the National Eclectic Medical Association. The Doctor is an assiduous student, keeping in close touch with the advances made in the sciences of medicine and surgery and, without intolerance, utilizing such remedial agents, methods, accessories, etc., as appeal to his judgment. Dr. Butcher is prominently identified with the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in the local lodge, chapter and council of the order. In 1873 he was united in marriage to Miss Vetura A. Pratt, and of this union three sons have been born,—Frank E., Harry G. and Cleland P.

JOHN W. TOOMIRE.

The Toomire family is one of the oldest in Champaign county. It was founded on American soil by the grandfather of our subject, William Toomire, who was born in Germany, but when fourteen years of age left his little home across the sea and came to the United States, taking up his abode in West Virginia. On the 25th of August, 1814, with his family, he came by way of the Ohio river to Brown county, Ohio, and in 1820 located in Jackson township, Champaign county, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in the spring of 1856. In political matters he upheld the principles of the Democracy, and he was a soldier in the war of 1812. Ere leaving his southern home he was united in marriage to Sarah Moody, a native also of Virginia, and they became the parents of thirteen children,—Henry, William, Rachel, Mary, Bryant, J. Wesley, Sarah, Malinda, Moses, Aaron, Marguerite Daniel and Emeline. With the exception of the two eldest all were born in Champaign county, and two are still living,—J. Wesley and Aaron.

William Toomire, Jr., the father of our subject, was a native of

western Virginia, and was only six months old when brought by his parents to Ohio. When six years old he accompanied them on their removal to Champaign county, where he received his education in the district schools, and during the summer months assisted in the work of the home farm. When a young man he began work at the cooper's trade, thus continuing until his thirtieth year, and then began agricultural pursuits on a rented farm in Mad River township. In 1870 he purchased one hundred acres of land in Concord township, to which he added from time to time until at his death he was the owner of one hundred and sixty-two acres, all of which he placed under a fine state of cultivation. He, too, was a stanch supporter of the principles of Democracy, and for a time served as the trustee of his township. His fraternal relations connected him wth the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and religiously he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In Champaign county, in 1835, Mr. Toomire was united in marriage to Rebecca Decios, a native of Virginia. Her father died in that commonwealth, and when thirteen years of age she came with her mother to Champaign county. The latter was born in Virginia, and her death occurred in this county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Toomire were born eight children, namely: Joseph, who served as a soldier in the Civil war for nearly four years, and was killed at the battle of Missionary Ridge; Henry also was a soldier and served his country nearly four years, helping to close up that hard struggle; Sarah Ann, deceased; Mary Jane; Emily E.; Elmanda, deceased; and Cora Olive, deceased. All were born in Champaign county, and here they all grew to years of maturity with the exception of the youngest.

John W. Toomire, the immediate subject of this review, was born in Westville, Ohio, September 26, 1840, and in the schools of Mad River and Concord townships received his early education. At the age of seventeen years he put aside his text-books and began work on his

father's farm, and after the latter's death, in 1885, located on the farm on which he now resides, the land having been purchased by his father in 1870. Success has crowned the well directed and enterprising efforts of Mr. Toomire, and he has long been numbered among the leading and substantial agriculturists of Champaign county. In politics he is a stalwart Democrat, taking an active interest in the party work, and he is a member of Magrew Lodge, No. 433, Knights of Pythias, of Westville, being the second member to join this lodge, and has taken special interest in the same since its organization ten years ago. For ten years he was also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and with the family, who are members, supports the Methodist Episcopal church at Westville. He is popular and respected in all circles.

THOMAS B. OWEN.

A native son whose promising legal career is viewed with justifiable pride by the residents of Mechanicsburg, is Thomas B. Owen, representative of a family long identified with Champaign county. He was born July 14, 1867, and is a son of William and Sarah P. (Bond) Owen, natives respectively of Indiana and Virginia. William B. Owen came to this county when a young man, and for many years engaged in the mercantile business in Mechanicsburg, where his reputation for progress and integrity strengthened with the passing years. As became one vitally interested in surounding undertakings, politics played no small part in his calculations, and as a stanch supporter of Republican principles and issues he filled several important offices, among them that of justice of the peace for many years. With his wife he was devoted to the Methodist Episcopal church, and died in the faith of that de-

nomination in 1897, at the age of eighty-one. His wife, who still lives in this town, is the mother of seven children.

Having qualified as a teacher in the public schools of Mechanicsburg, Thomas B. Owen engaged in educational work from the time that he was eighteen years old up to 1897. However, the law had long been the Mecca towards which his most ardent ambitions turned, and in connection with his last years of teaching he studied in the office of Judge E. P. Middleton, of Urbana, and was admitted to the bar in 1898. Since that time he has forged his way to the front professionally and generally, and has shown pronounced administrative ability as mayor of the city for one term, and as township clerk for three terms. Fraternally he is associated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, and with the Mechanicsburg Lodge, No. 113, F. & A. M. He was married in 1888 to Dollie McAdams, and has an interesting family of five children. In April, 1902, Mr. Owen was nominated for probate judge of Champaign county on the Republican ticket.

JOHN E. TODD.

One of the honored pioneer citizens and representative farmers of Champaign county is John Eli Todd, whose residence is on section 7, Urbana township, and who has maintained his home in this county for more than half a century, having been energetic and progressive in his methods and having accumulated a valuable property through his well directed efforts. It is with pleasure that we incorporate in this volume a brief review of his personal and ancestral history.

Mr. Todd is a native of Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, where he was born on the 29th of December, 1828, being the son of David Todd,

born and reared in the same county, being a son of James Todd, who likewise was a native of Pennsylvania and of Scotch-Irish lineage, the family having been established in the old Keystone state in the early colonial epoch of our national history. David Todd was married in Pennsylvania, whence he came to Ohio in the year 1846, locating in Warren county, where he remained until the following year, when he came to Champaign county and took up his abode on the farm now occupied by his son, the subject of this sketch. In 1859 he removed to another farm in this county, and there maintained his home until his death, in 1867, at the age of seventy-seven years. He originally gave his support to the Whig party, but identified himself with the Republican party at the time of its organization and remained one of the stanch advocates of its principles. He was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church, in which he held the office of elder for many years, being a man of inflexible integrity and sterling character. He married Sarah McCormick, who likewise was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, the date of her nativity having been November 6, 1795, while she died on the 23d of March, 1884, in her eighty-ninth year. She was a daughter of Henry McCormick, a native of Pennsylvania and of Scotch-Irish descent. David and Sarah Todd became the parents of seven sons and five daughters, and four sons are living at the present time, namely: Thomas M., John E., David and James S., the last mentioned being a clergyman of the Presbyterian church and being a resident of California.

John E. Todd was about eighteen years of age when the family came to Champaign county, and he had received his educational training in the public schools of Pennsylvania, having also attended a district school in Warren county, Ohio, during one winter. He remained at the parental home until his marriage, in 1859, and thereafter continued in agricultural pursuits on the old homestead, of which he event-

ually became the owner, and here he has ever since made his home, having been successful in his efforts and carrying on diversified farming and stock-raising. He now has a fine estate of two hundred and fifty acres, and upon the same he has made extensive improvements, so that the place is one of the best in this section of the county. In politics Mr. Todd is one of the leading members of the Prohibition party in the county and has been an active worker in its cause, having been a delegate to its local conventions and also to the state convention. For forty years he has been a member of the school board of his district, his tenure of this office having been longer than of any other man in the county, and at all times his influence has been given to the support of all measures tending to advance the general welfare of the community. He is well known in the county and is honored as one of its sterling pioneer citizens.

In the year 1859 Mr. Todd was united in marriage to Miss Jane M. Mumper, who was born in Pennsylvania, whence she accompanied her parents on their removal to Champaign county when she was a child. She was summoned into eternal rest on the 11th of January, 1900, having been the mother of eight children, of whom we enter the following brief record: Scott married Cozette Calvert and is a resident of Cincinnati, being vice-president of the William Resor Company, the oldest stove manufacturing concern in the city; Clarence M. is deceased; Sarah M., unmarried, remains at the paternal home; John H., who is a graduate of the University of Michigan, is a member of the Chicago News Bureau of the New York Herald; Annie M. is deceased; Marion R. married Miss Laura Pence, and is a resident of West Liberty, Logan county, Ohio; Percy C. is a jeweler of Hamilton, this state; and Jennie M. remains at the old home. Mr. Todd removed from the farm to the city of Urbana in March, 1902.

JOHN H. HODGE.

John H. Hodge is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Ohio which throughout the nineteenth century in different generations have been factors in the upbuilding and substantial development in the central portion of the state. Mr. Hodge, of this review, is now numbered among the leading, progressive and intelligent agriculturists of Champaign county, his home being on the Springfield pike, Goshen township. He was born in Pleasant township, Clark county, Ohio, January 2, 1835. His father, James H. Hodge, was a native of Kentucky, his birth having occurred in Mount Sterling, Montgomery county, whence he came to Ohio at the early age of eight years in company with his parents, Andrew and Isabell (McTeer) Hodge, who located in Clark county, Ohio. The father secured a tract of land in Pleasant township and there developed and improved a farm. He aided in laying broad and deep the foundation for the present prosperity and progress of his portion of the state and was an honored and respected pioneer. His son, James H. Hodge, was born in 1800 and was reared in Clark county, from the age of eight years becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He married Elizabeth Sayler, who was born in Claremont, Brown county, Ohio. At an early age she was left an orphan and was reared by an uncle, William Curl, in Clark county. Mr. Hodge, the father of our subject, gave his attention to agricultural pursuits throughout his active business life. He died in his seventy-eighth year and his wife passed away in her eighty-first year. His political support was given to the Democracy and he filled a number of local offices in his township. In the family were six children, but two of the number died in infancy. Two are still living—John H. and Sarah J.—the latter residing with our subject.

John H. Hodge was reared in the county of his nativity, and the

schools of the neighborhood afforded him his educational privileges. During the summer months he worked in the fields and in the winter months mastered the branches of learning taught in the educational institution near his home. After starting out in life on his own account he sought as a companion and helpmate for the journey, Miss Miranda Hunter, their wedding taking place on the 17th of January, 1861. She, too, was born in Pleasant township, Clark county, a daughter of John W. and Mary A. (Ingle) Hunter, who were early residents of the county and highly respected people. Mrs. Hodge was born March 11, 1839, and after a long married life of almost forty years passed away on the 15th of April, 1901. Of her three children, two had died in infancy. Their surviving son, Willes A., is a prominent grain dealer of Mechanicsburg. He was born in Union township, Champaign county, October 23, 1876, and has become a leading business man of his portion of the state. He has an elevator in Mechanicsburg and also one at Calaba Station, and is well known for his marked business ability and keen discernment.

It was in the year 1861 that John H. Hodge came to Champaign county, taking up his abode in Union township, where he followed agricultural pursuits for over forty years. He built his present residence near the corporation line of Mechanicsburg and has since made his home at this place. He carries on agricultural pursuits on a very extensive scale, owning and operating about five hundred and seventy-five acres of rich and well improved land in Union township. Much of this, however, is rented, but to the supervision of his property he gives his attention. He is likewise one of the stockholders of the Farmers Elevator Company of Mechanicsburg and one of the stockholders and directors of the Farmers Bank. A strong temperance man, he takes a deep and active interest in promoting that cause and at state and national elections votes for the Prohibition candidates, while at local elections he casts an

independent ballot. For a quarter of a century he was a member of the school board and the cause of education found in him a warm friend. He is also a leading and prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, is one of its earnest workers and is serving as steward. His business interests have been so capably conducted that he has won creditable success and is to-day accounted one of the most substantial citizens of Champaign county. His life has ever been true to manly principles and loyalty in citizenship and is well worthy of emulation.

SAMUEL BARNETT.

In section 34, Union township, is located the fine farm of Mr. Barnett, who is one of the representative members of the agricultural community of Champaign county, where he is held in the highest esteem by all who know him. Mr. Barnett is a native son of the old Buckeye state, having been born in Butler county, on the 4th of October, 1831, the son of Samuel Barnett, who was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, whence he emigrated to Ohio in an early day, locating in Butler county. In the spring of 1841 he located in Springfield, Clark county, making this change in order to afford his children better educational advantages, and there he erected the Barnett mills, known throughout the state. He continued in the milling business for many years and was succeeded by his son William A., who continued the enterprise under the firm name of Warder & Barnett. He died in the city of Springfield at the advanced age of seventy-eight years. He was a devoted member of the United Presbyterian church, in which he was an active worker and liberal supporter, while his political support was given to the Republican party from the time of its organization. The

maiden name of his wife was Mary Mitchell, and she was born in the same county as was he, her death occurring at the age of sixty-two years. They became the parents of ten children, six sons and four daughters, all of whom attained years of maturity and of whom five are living at the present time,—three sons and two daughters,—the subject of this review having been the youngest child. At a family reunion held in Bellefontaine, Logan county, in January, 1901, each of the ten children was represented with the exception of one.

Samuel Barnett, the subject of this sketch, was but nine years of age at the time when the family removed to Springfield, and there he was reared to maturity, receiving his education in the public schools of that place. After leaving school he was employed in his father's mills until his marriage, in 1855, and he then located on his present homestead farm, having purchased a portion of the same prior to his marriage. Here, with the exception of two years, he has consecutively maintained his home from the early days, and has developed a fine property, the farm having the best improvements and being under a high state of cultivation. He passed one year in Springfield and one in Urbana. In the homestead are comprised one hundred and sixty acres, and here our subject devotes his attention to diversified agriculture and to the dairy business, having been particularly successful in both departments of his farming enterprise. Mr. Barnett is a member of the First Presbyterian church of Urbana, having been for many years an elder in the same and taking a deep interest in the church work.

On the 11th of October, 1855, Mr. Barnett was united in marriage to Miss Mary Campbell, who was born in Belmont county, Ohio, on the 26th of October, 1831, being the daughter of Jesse Campbell, who became one of the pioneer farmers of Champaign county, where Mrs. Barnett was reared and educated. Our subject and his wife have one son and three daughters, namely: John C., who was born in 1856; Carrie

B., who is a graduate of the Cook County Hospital Training School, of Chicago, and is now head nurse of the Mitchell-Thomas Hospital, at Springfield; Mary L., who remains at the parental home, as does also Laura L. One daughter, Fannie, died at the age of eight months.

John C. Barnett, the only son, was married about nine years ago to Essie Christian, born in Pennsylvania, and has one son, Allen Barnett, who is his only child. For fourteen years he held the position as associate editor and chief editor of Farm and Fireside, a semi-monthly paper published at Springfield, Ohio, by the Crowl Publishing Company, and has kept a copy of each issue, which he has had bound each year until the volumes amount to fourteen in number. Our subject voted with the Whig party until the organization of the Republican party in 1856, when he became a member of the latter and has continuously supported its policies to the present time.

BENJAMIN F. HULL.

Though himself a native of the state of Illinois, the subject of this sketch, who is one of the progressive and representative farmers of Union township, Champaign county, is a member of one of the pioneer families of the old Buckeye commonwealth, as will be noted further on in this context.

Benjamin Franklin Hull was born in DeWitt county, Illinois, on the 22d of February, 1848, and thus he has the distinction of having been ushered into the world on the anniversary of the birth of the immortal Washington, while the further distinction is his of having been named in honor of his grandfather and Uncle Franklin. Alfred Augustus Hull, the father of our subject, was born in Madison county,

Ohio, on the 18th of January, 1821, from which fact it is evident that the family was here located in the early pioneer epoch. He was reared and educated in his native county, where he remained until some time in the '40s, when he removed to DeWitt county, Illinois, where he was engaged in teaching until 1849, when he returned to Madison county, Ohio, and in 1855 took up his abode in Champaign county, Ohio, locating on a tract of land at the head waters of Buck creek, in Union township, where he maintained his home until his death, which occurred February 2, 1886. He was a man of distinct individuality, noble character and high intellectuality, having been for a quarter of a century a successful teacher in the district schools, while for nine years he was a member of the school board of Union township. He was a zealous advocate of the principles of the Democratic party and was influential in public affairs of a local nature. For three years he was incumbent of the office of justice of the peace, and also served several years as township trustee, commanding the unqualified confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact in the various relations of life.

On the 9th of March, 1843, Alfred A. Hull was united in marriage to Margaret Kirkley, who was born in Madison county, Ohio, on September 5, 1818, the daughter of William and Mary Kirkley, natives respectively of Virginia and Maryland and honored pioneers of Madison county. Mr. Kirkley assisted in raising the first log house erected in what is now the city of Urbana, Champaign county. The cherished and devoted wife and mother was summoned into eternal rest on the 26th of December, 1886, and three of her children yet survive, the subject of this review having been the second in order of birth.

Benjamin F. Hull was but one year of age when his parents returned from Illinois to Madison county, and was eight years old when, in 1855, they came to Champaign county, as has already been mentioned, so that he has here passed practically his entire life, receiving

his educational discipline in the public schools and so applying himself as to become eligible for pedagogic honors, as is evident when we revert to the fact that he was for nearly twenty years a successful teacher in this county, gaining marked prestige in this profession. His marriage occurred in 1873, and he continued to teach for nine years thereafter, then locating on his present finely improved farmstead in Union township, the same now comprising four hundred and fourteen acres and being one of the best properties of the sort in this section of the state. Here he has a fine modern residence and other excellent buildings, while his progressive methods and marked business discrimination have enabled him to attain exceptional success in his farming enterprise. He is one of the substantial and influential men of this locality and is held in the highest esteem as a man and a citizen. In politics he accords a stanch allegiance to the Democratic party, though he has no political ambition in the matter of desiring official preferment. He has been a member of the board of trustees of the Champaign County Children's Home for thirteen years, and is a director of the Farmers' Bank, at Mechanicsburg. Fraternally he is identified with both the lodge and encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On the 24th of December, 1873, Mr. Hull was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Ropp, who was born in Virginia May 2, 1850, the daughter of John W. and Almira V. (Penhorn) Ropp, who came to Clark county, Ohio, when she was a child of four years and settled in Champaign county in 1882. Mr. Ropp and his wife there spent the remainder of their lives, the former passing away in 1894 and his wife in 1890. They were the parents of three children, namely: George E., Sarah J. and Camelia. Mr. and Mrs. Hull have one son, Esten C., who was born September 6, 1876, and is now a traveling salesman for the celebrated concern of W. H. Baker & Company, manufacturers of cocoa and chocolate, of New York City. He attended the Willis Com-

mercial College, at Springfield, Ohio, and the Literary College situated at Ada, Hardin county, finishing his education in 1894, then came home and has been a commercial salesman since, being at the head of this class in the state.

TULLEY McKINNEY.

The genial postmaster of Mechanicsburg has many claims upon the kindly consideration of his fellow townsmen, not the least of which is his contribution towards the development of the town as a builder and contractor, his praiseworthy career as a Republican politician, and his long and meritorious service as a soldier in the Civil war.

In his ancestral relations Mr. McKinney is closely allied with the momentous events of Revolutionary times, and with the struggle for English supremacy along the Canadian border in 1812. He was born on the paternal farm in Clark county, Ohio, November 3, 1838, a son of Francis and Margaret (Lennox) McKinney, natives of Jefferson county, Virginia. The family was first represented in America by the paternal grandfather, Tulley McKinney, who emigrated from Ireland about 1765, and settled in West Virginia. The woes of the colonists so dramatically hastened to a climax by the Boston Tea Party found a ready response in the heart of the Irish emigrant, and he not only completed a service of two years in the Colonial army, but afterward re-enlisted for five years. During the seven years among the tents and armament and ceaseless strife of the Revolution he stacked his musket upon many a blood-soaked battlefield, and because of his courage and heroism in the face of danger richly earned the right to the peaceful agricultural life afterward spent in Jefferson county, West Virginia. On the maternal side Mr. McKinney is related to another family long identified with the Old

Dominion state, for his grandfather, Nathaniel Lennox, with his brothers, Robert and Thomas, settled there after coming from Scotland, about 1785. Of the sons of Nathaniel Lennox, John Lennox served in the war of 1812. The parents of Mr. McKinney removed from Virginia to Ohio in 1836, and settled in Clark county, where they engaged in farming, and where the father died in 1864, and the mother a year later, just as peace was settling over the country after the Civil war. There were seven children in the family, five of whom are living, but one being a resident of Champaign county, Ohio.

The youth of Tulley McKinney was uneventfully passed on the farm in Ohio and his common-school education was supplemented by an apprenticeship to a carpenter. April 23, 1861, he enlisted for three months in Company E, Sixteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and after his honorable discharge August 11, 1862, re-enlisted with the call for thirty thousand volunteers, in Company A, Ninety-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. During a service which extended to June 5, 1865, he saw much of the terrible and grewsome side of warfare, and among other important engagements participated in the battles of Perryville, Stone River, Phillipi, Chickamauga and Carrick's Ford, engaging also in the Atlanta campaign and Sherman's march to the sea. Thence the regiment marched through the Carolinas, and witnessed the surrender of General Joe Johnston, and after taking part in the grand review in Washington was mustered out at Columbus, Ohio. Since the war Mr. McKinney has been a member of the Stephen Baxter Post, No. 88, Grand Army of the Republic.

Upon returning to his home in Ohio, Mr. McKinney was married the same year to Sarah Alcinda Wilkinson, and the latter part of 1865 removed to Illinois, where he remained until locating in Mechanicsburg in the spring of 1870. To himself and wife have been born five children, Forest O., Charles J., Effie M., Dollie and Bertha A. From the first of

contracting, and many of the important public and private buildings are due to his skill and ingenuity. As a stanch Republican he has co-operated with his colleagues in furthering the best and most intelligent interests of his party, his faithfulness and ability receiving substantial recognition by his appointment as postmaster, June 17, 1898. His administration has been well received throughout, and in the discharge of his responsibilities, Mr. McKinney is credited with singular fairness and tact. He is not associated with any church, although his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal denomination. He is one of the citizens of Mechanicsburg indebted solely to their own energy and well directed efforts for their success in life, and his career is worthy of emulation, and of the high regard accorded him by the community at large.

DUNCAN B. McDONALD.

In the early pioneer days of the Buckeye state the McDonald family became identified with its history, and the colonial epoch of our national history stands as the period in which the family had its foundation on American soil, while records extant show that the subject of this review is in line of direct descent from one of the valiant patriots who did yeoman service as a soldier in the Continental line during the war of the Revolution. Industry, energy, honesty and fidelity have been among the marked characteristics of the family, as may be inferred from the fact that it is of stanch Scottish extraction, and the elemental strength of character in our subject shows that these sterling qualities are predominant in his nature. He rendered efficient service to his country in the war of the Rebellion, has ever been true to the duties of citizenship and has long been numbered among the prominent and representa-

tive business men of the beautiful little city of Urbana, where he has practically passed his entire life.

Mr. McDonald was born in Urbana, Champaign county, on the 7th of April, 1844, the fourth in order of birth of the six children of Duncan and Hester (Heylin) McDonald. The former was born in Ross county, Ohio, in the year 1804, and thence removed to Urbana in 1820, this city thereafter continuing to be his home until the time of his death, in 1891, at the venerable age of eighty-seven years. He was for several years engaged in the dry-goods business here, but during the latter part of his life was retired from active business pursuits. His parents, Archibald and Margaret (McDonald) McDonald, were both born in Scotland, and though of the same name were not related. The family of the latter came to America prior to Mr. McDonald's emigration, in colonial days, and here the marriage of the grandparents of our subject was solemnized, Mr. McDonald having been a soldier in the war of the Revolution. In that early epoch when Ohio was on the very frontier of civilization he emigrated to this section of the Union and located in what is now Ross county, where he developed a farm from the sylvan wilds and there engaged in agricultural pursuits during the remainder of his life. His son Duncan, the youngest of the children and the father of the immediate subject of this review, was reared on the old homestead farm, and as a youth came thence to Urbana and secured a clerkship in the mercantile establishment of Marcus Heylin, who was one of the pioneer merchants of the town. Mr. McDonald eventually married Hester, the daughter of his employer, and a few years later became associated with his brothers, William and Colin, in the general mercantile business, the enterprise subsequently involving the handling of dry goods alone and the business becoming one of the most important in the place. Mr. McDonald was a Republican in politics and a stanch advocate of its principles and policies, while both he and his

wife were devoted members of the Presbyterian church, the death of Mrs. McDonald occurring in the year 1887. They were the parents of three sons and three daughters, namely: Henry D., deceased; Sarah McArthuer Deuel, of Urbana; Mary J. H. Stansbury, also of this city; Duncan B., the subject of this review; Captain I. H., of Philadelphia, Ohio; and Miss Ellen E., of Urbana.

Duncan B. McDonald was reared and educated in Urbana, and here began his business career by entering upon a clerkship in his father's store. In May, 1864, when a few weeks less than twenty years of age, Mr. McDonald gave manifestation of his loyalty by enlisting as a private in Company A, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was with his regiment in active service until the expiration of his term, in the fall of the same year, when he received an honorable discharge. He retains a lively interest in his old comrades in arms and is a charter member of W. A. Brand Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, in Urbana. Mr. McDonald was married in 1866, and shortly afterward located on a farm in Urbana township, this county, where he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits for the ensuing decade, at the expiration of which he returned to Urbana and engaged in the grocery business, having for the past twenty years been associated with J. B. Houtz, under the firm name of Houtz & McDonald. The firm have a fine establishment, with all modern accessories and conveniences, carry a large and select stock of staple and fancy groceries, table delicacies, etc., and cater to a representative and discriminating patronage, theirs being one of the leading mercantile enterprises in the city. In politics Mr. McDonald renders an unswerving allegiance to the Republican party, taking an active interest in its cause, while he has ever been known as one of the public spirited citizens and popular business men of his native city, where his friends are in number as his ac-

quaintances. He and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church and take an active part in its work.

On the 2nd of January, 1866, Mr. McDonald was united in marriage to Miss Laura Lamme, who was born in Clark county, the daughter of W. A. Lamme, and they have one son, Herbert H., who is now a resident of Montgomery, Alabama.

SIMON KENTON.

One of the most picturesque figures on the pages of American history is Simon Kenton, the explorer and Indian fighter and pioneer, who made his way into the "dark and bloody ground" of Kentucky and also led the way into the wildernesses of Ohio, planting the seeds of civilization which in later years have borne rich fruit.

Simon Kenton was born in Fauquier county, Virginia, April 3, 1755, and died in Logan county, Ohio, in 1836, near the place where he once narrowly escaped death at the hands of the Indians. At the age of sixteen he became entangled in a love affair which brought him in contact with a rival with whom he had an affray, and supposing that he had slain his antagonist, fled to the wilds of Kentucky, west of the Alleghanies. He assumed the name of Simon Butler, became an associate of Daniel Boone and took an active part with Boone and others in border life on the frontier. The life was well adapted to develop an adventurer's true character, and young Kenton showed remarkable courage, sagacity and endurance. These virtues recommended him to the notice of Governor Dunmore, by whom he was employed as a spy.

In 1782, learning that his adversary, whom he supposed he had left dead, was still alive, he returned to his native place and by his rep-

resentation of the country west of the mountains, induced his father to remove with him to Kentucky. As a scout and spy he had traversed nearly every part of Ohio before he settled in it. He had many thrilling experiences with the Indians in his adventures, being several times captured and as many times experiencing narrow escapes from death. He settled in Urbana in 1802, was identified with the interests and perils of the people of Champaign county, and no wrong treatment, of which he thought himself the victim, swerved for an instant his loyal mind. He was as generous and kind hearted as he was brave, and was thoroughly honest.

THOMAS RAWLINGS.

As a representative of one of the prominent and honored pioneer families of Champaign county, where he has passed his entire life and where he is recognized as one of the successful and progressive farmers of this favored section, it is certainly consistent that a record of the career and antecedents of Mr. Rawlings be given in this work.

He was born at the old homestead, in section 18, Urbana township, on the 28th day of August, 1836. His father, James Rawlings, was born in Fleming county, Kentucky, on the 28th of May, 1803, and came thence to Champaign county when he was about twenty years of age and became one of the early settlers of Urbana township, where he took up a tract of government land, founding the home where he lived to an honored old age the life of a prosperous farmer, settling his children, six in number, on farms around him so that the smoke of their chimneys could be seen from the old homestead and he could mount his horse and pay them all a morning call, returning to his home in time for dinner. Here he died October 21, 1886, in the fullness of

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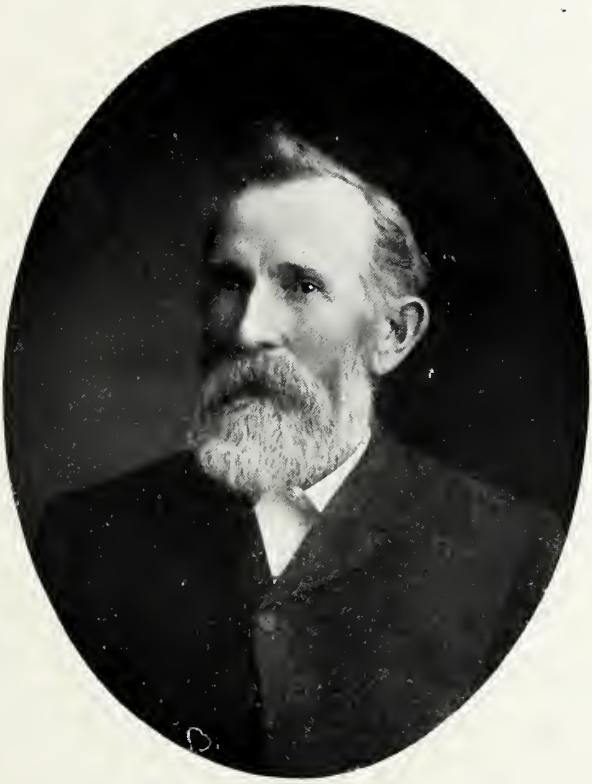


THOMAS RAWLINGS.

years, secure in the esteem of all who had known him. In politics he was a Whig, until the organization of the Republican party, when he identified himself with the latter, and ever remained a stanch supporter of its principles. His father was Thomas Rawlings, of Loudoun county, Virginia, whose father, Pressley Rawlings, came to this country from England when a young man, accompanied by his brother Moses. They located in Virginia and served in the Revolutionary war, fighting in the interests of the colonies. Moses was never heard of after the war. Pressley removed to Kentucky, being among the earliest settlers of the Blue Grass state. There he purchased a tract of timber land and cleared a farm, upon which he spent the remainder of his days. His son Thomas was the oldest of seven children. Upon attaining manhood he married Miss Mary Tribbe, of Kentucky. She inherited a tract of land and four slaves; her inheritance joined that of her husband. They became the parents of nine children, of whom James was the fifth.

James Rawlings, father of our subject, married Susannah Irby McRoberts, in 1829. She was born September 16, 1810, while her parents were on their way from Kentucky to Ohio. Her father, William McRoberts, was born in Kentucky, his father having been a native of Ireland, whence he emigrated to America and became a pioneer of Kentucky. William McRoberts married Martha Irby Winn, daughter of John and Myrtilla Winn. John Winn was born December 31, 1759, in Virginia, and came to Fleming county, Kentucky, in 1796, in an ox cart with one negro boy and his cattle. He was well educated and taught in the neighborhood. When he left Kentucky he freed his negroes and became responsible for their good behavior. Removing to Ohio, he entered land on Pretty Prairie in Champaign county, some of which is still held by his descendants. He died at his home in Springfield, Ohio, September 14, 1838. He was married to Myrtilla Minor on Friday, December 14, 1787, by Rev. Thomas Grimes. She

died August 1, 1822. Martha Irby Winn was born July 11, 1790, and died December 19, 1848. The above were the maternal grandparents of our subject, Thomas Rawlings.

James and Susannah (Irby) Rawlings were the parents of six children, viz: William J. W., Mary M., Jane E., Thomas, James H. and Douglas W. William married Miss Elletta Jumper in 1863 and founded a home on Pretty Prairie, where he lived a useful and prosperous life, in his home, community and church, until March 29, 1898, when he died, leaving a fair inheritance to his children, six in number, who with their mother still survive him. His home, like those of his brothers and sisters, has always been in the neighborhood of his birth place, and he bent the whole energy of his strong character to the prosecution of the vocation to which he was born, and it was only a matter of course that he attained early in life to the front rank of Champaign county's foremost farmers. While yet a young man he united with the historic Buck Creek church, which he served as an elder for many years. In politics he was a Republican and he took broad and liberal views of citizenship, his influence being known and felt throughout the county.

Mary M. married T. M. Todd and their residence is also near the old homestead, where they have reared five children, four sons and one daughter; two, a son and daughter, died in early youth. She and her husband and her children are connected with Buck Creek church. Jane E. married John P. Knight and they now occupy the old home which was the father's. Here they have reared a family of four sons, one of whom remains with them on the old farm, and the other three are out in the world filling responsible positions. James H. married Miss Laura Townley, of Wyandotte county, Ohio, daughter of Rev. Gilbert Townley, a Methodist minister of the Cincinnati Conference, and Elizabeth (Hedges) Townley, daughter of Seton Hedges. Mr.

Townley was a native of New York. His death occurred in November, 1854, leaving a wife and three daughters. James H. was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion and served with honor in Company G, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio National Guard. They were the parents of eight children, two of whom died in infancy. They settled on a fine farm not far from the old homestead. Mrs. Rawlings died August 7, 1892. James, in later years, removed to Urbana, where he now resides.

Douglas W. married Miss Alice Townley, sister of Laura, and to them were born two sons and two daughters, the eldest of whom, Charles, died in early youth. Douglas W. also served his country in the war of the Rebellion, first as a member of the Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and afterward in the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio National Guard. At the close of the war he settled on a farm near his father, just across the line in Clark county. Here he lived for years, built a beautiful home and followed the vocation of the rest of the family. He was known as a successful and progressive farmer, but having been always interested in politics he in mature life turned his attention that way and served for six years as county commissioner of Clark county. He was the eldest representative of the county and at the close of his first term was nominated and elected state senator from the district composed of the counties of Champaign, Clark and Madison. While serving as senator he came into prominence as the author of the "Rawlings bill," which created such consternation among the manufacturers of the state. After his retirement he lived a quiet life at his beautiful home on Pretty Prairie. He died March 14, 1894, at the age of fifty-one years, leaving a widow, two daughters and a son, Douglas, Jr., to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and loving father. These brothers, children of James Rawlings, Sr., were all Republicans in politics, but were somewhat divided theologically. The eldest two, William and Thomas, were

Presbyterians, serving as officers in the old Buck Creek church for years. The youngest two, James and Douglas, were Methodists, and also served in official capacities in that denomination.

Thomas Rawlings was born and reared on the old homestead, now owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. John P. Knight, and received his educational training in the district schools, making good use of such advantages as were available in those days. He left the home farm in 1865 and located on his present farm near that of his brother William. He improved and added to the original area and is now living at ease, where he has spent the energies of his active and successful career, as a progressive and up-to-date farmer. His political affiliations are Republican and he has since youth been an influential member of the Buck Creek church, of which he has been treasurer and trustee for the past twenty years. His wife is also a devoted member of the same historic old church. On the 16th of March, 1864, Mr. Rawlings was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Emily Humes, the daughter of Samuel and Mary A. (McNeill) Humes. She was born in Union township, Champaign county, January 27, 1835. Her parents were natives of Virginia, whence they came as pioneers to Champaign county, where they passed the remainder of their days. They had ten children, five of whom are living at the present time, four of them in the same community where the pioneer parents settled. Mr. and Mrs. Rawlings have no children, but there are many now in homes of their own who embrace every opportunity to visit the farm which was home to them in their youth and to whom the large-hearted owners were far more than friends and employers.

LYMAN ELLSWORTH BAKER, M. D.

One of the most promising and popular of the exponents of homeopathic science in Mechanicsburg is Lyman Ellsworth Baker, a native of Richwood, Union county, Ohio, and born February 14, 1870. His

parents, Lyman G. and Mary (Manson) Baker, are also natives of the Buckeye state, and are now living in Marysville, Ohio, where the father is retired from his former activity as a farmer and stock-raiser.

As the youngest but one in a family of five children, Dr. Baker was reared on the paternal homestead, and his arduous duties around the farm were varied by attendance at the district schools, especially during the greater leisure of the winter months. This preliminary training was supplemented by a course at the Richwood high school, from which he was graduated in 1891, after which he engaged in educational work for a year. A commendable ambition reached beyond the well tilled acres comprising the home possession, and a careful survey of capabilities and inclinations resulted in a systematic course of study under the direction of Dr. J. S. Lunger, of Prospect, Ohio, and later entrance at the Cleveland (Ohio) Homeopathic Medical College, from which he graduated in the class of 1895. Immediately thereafter he located in Mechanicsburg as a possibly desirable field for professional activity, and the correctness of his surmise has been repeatedly and happily demonstrated without dimunition during the succeeding years.

The marriage of Dr. Baker and Ada O. Taylor, of Marysville, Ohio, occurred in 1896, and of this union there are two children, Fontabelle and Robert E. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are members of the Methodist Protestant church, and are variously connected with the social interests in which the town abounds. The Doctor is a member of the Ohio State Homeopathic Medical Society, and the school which he represents has no more conscientious, painstaking and thoroughly adaptive disciple. As a diagnostician and prescriber he has successfully combatted with many intricate and apparently hopeless complications, and has thus met with a deserved appreciation while ministering to the physical woes of the community. By those who recognize his high professional ideals and realize the additional benefit of a pleasing and tactful personality,

and inborn humanitarian instincts a future of exceeding brightness, merit and usefulness is predicted. Dr. Baker is fraternally associated with the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he is politically identified with the Republican party.

FERDINAND F. STONE.

A work of this nature exercises its highest function when it enters a memoir of a man who stood representative of the best citizenship and maxims of usefulness in connection with the practical activities of life and whose lineage was of that distinguished order which can not but be a source of pride and satisfaction to every worthy scion. In the envious and laborious struggle for an honorable competence and solid career on the part of the average business man, fighting the every-day battles of life, there is but little to attract the idle reader in search of a sensational chapter; but for a mind thoroughly awake to the reality and meaning of human existence there are noble and enduring lessons in the life of a man who conquers fortune and gains not only the temporal rewards of his toil and endeavor, but also that which is greater and higher, the respect and confidence of those with whom he has come in contact. Ferdinand Fairfax Stone was an able business man, a public-spirited citizen, a loyal friend and one who enriched the world by his services and his example. In noting those who have been prominent and honored in the business and social circles of Urbana there is imperative necessity that due tribute be paid to one whose life was of so signal honor and usefulness. As detailed record concerning the genealogy of Mr. Stone is entered in the sketch of his brother, S. L. P. Stone, on other pages of this work, it will not be necessary to recapitulate at this point, since ready reference may be made to the article mentioned.

Ferdinand F. Stone was born in Hampshire county, Virginia, on the 2d of April, 1841, the son of Ferdinand and Mary (Pigeon) Stone. He continued to reside in his native county until he had attained the age of seventeen years. After duly profiting by such advantages as were afforded in the common schools he pursued his studies for a time in the college at Emmitsburg, Maryland, thus securing a good practical education as the basis for an active business career. He was employed as clerk in a mercantile establishment in 1858, and resigned this position to accompany his parents on their removal to Urbana, Ohio, in that year. Here he soon afterward secured a clerkship in the hardware establishment of William M. Young, but in 1863 he went to the far west, becoming one of the pioneer hardware merchants of Colorado and Montana, which were then on the very frontier of civilization, and remaining in that section until 1868, when he returned to Urbana, where he remained until the fall of the following year, when his marriage occurred, and soon afterward he removed to Mansfield, Ohio, where he was successfully engaged in the hardware business until 1872, when he came again to Urbana and here associated himself with his brother, Samuel L. P. Stone, in the establishing of a hardware business, under the firm name of Stone Brothers, which has been continued to the present time, the enterprise having grown to be one of wide scope and importance and being one of the principal ones of the sort in this section of the state. Our subject gave to the undertaking the benefit of his mature judgment, practical and effective methods and inflexible integrity of purpose, and through his efforts to a large extent was gained the high reputation which the house has ever enjoyed, his interest in the same being still retained by his family. Mr. Stone continued to be actively identified with this enterprise until the close of his useful and honorable life, his death occurring on the 30th of August, 1898. He was held in the highest esteem in the community and was one of the popular citizens

of Urbana. In politics he gave his allegiance to the Democratic party, but never consented to accept official preferment of any sort. He was prominently identified with the Masonic fraternity, in which he rounded the circle of the York Rite, having been a member of the local commandery of Knights Templar.

On the 12th of October, 1869, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Stone to Miss Agnes A. Lee, who was born in Livonia, New York, the daughter of Dr. Enoch M. and Mary (Chamberlain) Lee, who became residents of Urbana in 1858, and here the father continued in the active practice of dentistry for two score years, his death occurring on December 23, 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Stone became the parents of two children,—Montana, who is the wife of Dr. E. W. Ludlow, of Urbana; and Lee Ferdinand, who married Miss Catherine Squares and who is identified with the business of the firm of Stone Brothers, being one of the able and popular young business men of this city.

GABRIEL KENTON.

One of the old and representative citizens of Mad River township, where he has a well improved farmstead in section 2, it is signally consistent that a sketch of the career of Mr. Kenton be incorporated in this work. He has passed practically his entire life in the county, and is now one of the oldest native-born residents of Mad River township, while his name has ever been a synonym for honor and integrity in all the relations of life.

Mr. Kenton was born in this township on the 1st of October, 1815, being the son of Mark Kenton, who was born in Kentucky and who was about seventeen years of age when he came to Champaign county,

arriving here on the 2d of May, 1802, and thus becoming one of the early settlers. He lived for nearly a half century in Mad River township and his death occurred in 1851. He was a son of William Kenton, who was born in Fauquier county, Virginia, and was numbered among the first settlers of Champaign county, there having been but two houses in what is now the city of Springfield at the time when he erected his little log domicile in Mad River township, where he continued to reside until his death, at the age of about eighty-four years. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Susan Markley, who was born near the city of Baltimore, Maryland, and died at the age of about sixty-six years. Mark and Susan (Markley) Kenton became the parents of five sons and two daughters, all of whom grew to maturity and three of whom are living at the present time, the subject of this sketch having been the eldest in the family. He was reared on the parental farmstead in section 6, this township, and his educational advantages were such as were afforded in the little log school house, with its slab benches, puncheon floor, wide fireplace and oiled paper for windows. He attended school during the three winter months and devoted the remainder of his time to assisting in the reclaiming and cultivation of the pioneer farm. He continued to be engaged in farming and stock raising on the old homestead until he had attained the age of about forty years, when, in August, 1854, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ann Bryan, who died a few years later, as did also their one child. Subsequently Mr. Kenton married Mrs. Rachel A. Bryan, the widow of Parker Bryan and a native of the state of Virginia. By her first marriage she was the mother of six children, namely: Levi, Mary, Irene, Jennie, John H. and Frank. Jennie is the wife of John Dunlap; Mary is the wife of George Ward; Irene is deceased; Levi married Jennie Powell; Frank married Alice Minich; John H. married Nancy Walker and resides on the old homestead with our subject, having charge of the operation of the

farm. Mr. Kenton is the owner of eight hundred acres of as good land as can be found in this section of the state and the greater portion of the same is under a fine state of cultivation. In addition to his fine landed estate in his native county he also owns six hundred and forty acres in Texas, and a farm of forty-three acres in Edgar county, Illinois. By good management and indefatigable application he has attained a high degree of success, and is known and honored as one of the sterling pioneer citizens of Champaign county. He was originally a Whig in politics, having cast his first presidential vote for Henry Clay, in 1836, and he transferred his allegiance to the Republican party at the time of its organization and has voted for each of its presidential candidates since that time, having ever been a stanch supporter of its cause. The success which crowns his efforts in his venerable years is the more pleasing to note from the fact that it represents the result of his own labors. He started out as a poor boy, having few advantages, and has not only attained marked prosperity but has become a man of broad information through reading and practical association with men and affairs during a long and useful life.

DAVID FRANK.

One of the venerable and honored representatives of one of the early pioneer families of Champaign county, where he has passed his entire life, on this score alone would it be incumbent to accord to Mr. Frank consideration in these pages, but aside from this he is personally one of those sterling characters who command respect by reason of intrinsic worth, and he has contributed his quota to the development of this section of the state, true to all the duties of citizenship, kindly and generous in nature, and one who has "borne the heat and burden of the day," and

now, at the venerable age of more than four score years, rests secure in the comforts which his years of toil and endeavor have granted, and in the honors which accompany venerable years and worthy lives.

Mr. Frank has one of the well improved and valuable farm estates of the county, the same being located in section 29, Mad River township, in which township he was born, in the little log-cabin home of the pioneer epoch, at a point one-half mile distant from his present attractive and modern residence, the date of his nativity having been December 26, 1819, so that we may believe that he was cordially welcomed as a somewhat belated Christmas guest in the little cabin home. His father, Martin Frank, was born in the state of Virginia, in the year 1796, and thence, as a young man, emigrated to Ohio and located in Champaign county, as one of its earliest pioneers, as may well be inferred from the mere fact that it was nearly a century ago that he here established his little log cabin home in the midst of the forest wilds. He located on a tract of government land in what is now Mad River township, and here he literally hewed out a farm, clearing his land to a large extent and becoming one of the prominent men of the locality, where he was honored for his sterling worth of character and where he passed the residue of his life. He was of German descent, the family having been long established on American soil. On the 24th of September, 1815, Martin Frank was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Argerbright, who was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, and she lived to attain the age of about sixty years. In the family were twelve children, and of this number only four are living at the time of this writing, the subject of this sketch having been the eldest.

David Frank has been an eye witness of the transitions which have marked the development of this county from a veritable sylvan wilderness to its present position as a rich and well populated section of one of the foremost states in the Union, and from his youth up he rendered

assistance in the work which stood for the founding of the prosperity which has been cumulative in the succeeding years and which he continued to further by his zealous and well directed efforts. His early educational advantages were such as were afforded in the little log schoolhouse, with its meagre equipments, and he continued to assist in the work of the parental homestead until his first marriage, to Mary Kyte, who lived to be about sixty-eight years of age. He later was united in marriage to Sarah Armstrong, who was born in Berkeley county, Virginia (now West Virginia), in November, 1834, being the daughter of Jacob and Nancy Armstrong, who came to Champaign county when she was twelve years of age. She was educated in the public schools of Urbana, and that she profited well by her advantages and effectively supplemented them by private study, is evident when we revert to the fact that for forty years she was one of the honored and particularly successful teachers in the schools of this county, having been for half of this period engaged as teacher in the city schools of Urbana. She became widely known throughout the county and here her friends are in number as her acquaintances, while there are many of her former pupils who have attained distinction in the various vocations of life and who retain for her a sincere esteem and affection. Mrs. Frank continued in the pedagogic profession until her marriage to our subject, on the 8th of June, 1893. Mrs. Frank was the second in a family of nine children, and only four of the number are now living. The father of Mrs. Frank lived to attain the age of eighty-one years, his devoted wife having passed away at the age of seventy-seven. The subject of this review is one of the oldest of the surviving native sons of Champaign county, has devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits, in which he has not been denied a high measure of success, and he is still exceptionally alert and active for one of his advanced age. In politics he has given an unqualified support to the principles and policies of the Democratic party from the time of

attaining his legal majority, and for more than a score of years he has been a devoted and influential member of the Baptist church at Nettle Creek. His farm comprises one hundred and sixty acres, and is one of the valuable properties of this section, having the best of permanent improvements, all of which have been made by Mr. Frank, while his careful management and progressive ideas are shown in every detail, for without such care he could not have attained so marked success nor have developed so attractive an estate.

ABRAHAM SHOCKEY.

In the best development of Champaign county Abraham Shockey has borne an important part. He has been identified with its agricultural interests since pioneer days, and while promoting the material welfare of the community he has also given an active and liberal support to those measures which tend to advance the intellectual and moral status. His birth occurred in Mad River township, Champaign county, December 16, 1841. His paternal great-grandfather was a brave and loyal soldier during the Revolutionary war, serving from the beginning of the struggle to its close, and his services were principally in North Carolina. His son, Abraham Shockey, came to Champaign county, Ohio, in 1802 from Kentucky, with his wife and one child. The wife and child came on the one horse and Mr. Shockey walked. He located on section 3, Mad River township, where he cleared a farm from the dense woods. Wild animals and Indians were then very numerous in this locality, and he was one of the earliest pioneers of the county. His son also named Abraham, became the father of our subject. He was born in this locality in 1816, and was reared, married and died in the same locality. For his wife he chose Elizabeth Neff, who was born in Virginia, but when a young

woman she came with her father, Abram Neff, to Clark county, Ohio, and from there to Champaign county, where she passed away in death at the age of fifty-five years, while her husband reached the age of seventy-six years.

Abraham Shockey, his parents' only child, has spent his entire life on the farm where he now lives, and the district schools of the neighborhood afforded him his educational advantages in youth. Throughout his entire life he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits and stock-raising, and his landed possessions now consist of three hundred and sixteen acres of rich and fertile land, his fields being under an excellent state of cultivation and adorned with many substantial and valuable improvements.

In 1866 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Shockey and Miss Cinderella Kiser. The lady was born and reared in Harrison township, Champaign county, Ohio, her parents being Jacob and Catherine Kiser, prominent and early settlers of that locality. Six children have blessed the union of our subject and wife, namely: Weldon R., who married Lydia R. Mitzel and resides in Urbana; Elijah F., who married Mabel Miller, and resides upon a part of his father's farm; John P. and Livonia E., at home. Two children are now deceased—Catherine E. and Abraham. Prior to the Civil war Mr. Shockey gave his political support to the Democracy, but since that time has been a stanch supporter of Republican principles. He is a man of enterprise and public spirit and is thoroughly identified in feeling with the growth and prosperity of the county which has so long been his home.

ISAIAH H. COLBERT.

The life history of him whose name introduces this review is closely identified with the history of Champaign county, which has been his home for more than eighty years. He began his career in

the early pioneer epoch of the county, and throughout the years which have since come and gone he has been closely identified with its interests and upbuilding. He is a native son of Champaign county, his birth having occurred in Mad River township on the 31st of January, 1821 His paternal grandfather, Jesse Colbert, was born in the famous old Blue Grass state, but became one of the early pioneers of Champaign county, Ohio, where he took up his abode in Mad River township. He was of English descent. The father of our subject, John Colbert, was born on the line separating the state of Virginia and Kentucky, and when about eighteen years of age accompanied his parents on their removal to Champaign county, Ohio. After his marriage he located in the woods of Mad River township, where he erected a log cabin and began the arduous task of clearing his land and placing it under cultivation. His life's labors were ended in death at the age of eighty-two years. He was a charter member of the Nettle Creek Baptist church, having assisted in the organization of that denomination and was a liberal contributor to its support. In political matters he was a life-long Democrat, and during the war of 1812 was a brave and loyal soldier.

In Mad River township, Champaign county, Mr. Colbert was united in marriage to Anna Smith, who was also a native of the Old Dominion, who, when twelve years of age, in company with her parents, made the journey by wagon and flat boat to Champaign county, Ohio, where she passed away in death at the ripe old age of ninety-one years. Her father, Peter Smith, was thought to be of German nativity, and he, too, became one of the early pioneers of this locality. He faithfully served his adopted country in its struggle for independence. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Colbert was blessed with six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: Isaac, deceased; Sarah, who was accidentally killed by a falling tree while making her way home from school through a

storm; Louisa, the deceased wife of Daniel Blose; Isaiah H., of this review; John and Peter, both deceased.

Isaiah H. Colbert, the only surviving member of this once large family, pursued his education in the old pioneer schools of the neighborhood, with their greased paper windows, puncheon seats and rude slab desks, and after putting aside his text-books remained at home and assisted his father in the work of the farm until his marriage. Throughout his entire business career he has followed the tilling of the soil, and is now the owner of one hundred and twenty-three acres of well improved and productive land in Mad River township, on which he has placed many substantial and valuable improvements. His residence is one of the landmarks of Champaign county, it having been erected in 1827 and in an early day was used as a tavern, known far and wide as the Blue Bell Tavern. It was also one of the first brick houses erected in the county, and was built by his uncle, Isaac Smith. Since attaining to years of maturity Mr. Colbert has given an unfaltering support to the principles of Democracy, and on its ticket he has been elected to many positions of trust and responsibility, having served for many years as the township assessor and also as a trustee. His has been a noble Christian life, in harmony with the teachings of the Baptist church, he having been long a member of the Nettle Creek Baptist church in Mad River township.

The marriage of Mr. Colbert was celebrated on the 16th of April, 1846, when Amanda Wiant became his wife. She, too, was a native of this locality, her birth having occurred on the 18th of February, 1827. Her father, Adam Wiant, was a native of Virginia, as was also his father, Adam Wiant, Sr. The former came to this locality in the pioneer days, and on a farm here he spent the remainder of his life, passing to his final reward at the age of eighty-four years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Magart, was also a native of the Old Domin-

ion and they became the parents of nine children, of whom Mrs. Colbert was the third in order of birth. She, too, received her education in the primitive log school house of that day. Unto the union of our subject and wife have been born six children, three sons and three daughters, as follows: Rowena, the deceased wife of David Loudenback, of Mad River township, by whom she has six children, Carrie (deceased), Edgar, Edna, Walter, Frank and Wilbur; Benjamin, deceased; Fernando, deceased; Melissa, the wife of W. J. Harwood, of Springfield, Ohio, and they have two children, Nellie M. and Frank Lee; Jennie, who became the wife of J. W. Straub, by whom she had two sons, Walter and Harold, the latter now deceased, as is also Mrs. Straub; Gerald, who married Laura O. Taylor, whose father's history will be found on another page of this volume, and they have four children, Lula A., Evan T., Madge G. and Donald H. Mr. and Mrs. Colbert also have one great-grandchild, Donald A., the son of W. D. Loudenback. Few men have more devoted friends than our honored subject and none excel him in unselfish devotion and unswerving fidelity to the worthy recipients of his confidence and friendship.

DANIEL C. HOUSER, M. D.

Among the prominent physicians of Champaign county is Dr. Daniel Carry Houser, of Millerstown. He was born in Johnson township, two miles northwest of this city, April 1, 1867. His father, William Houser, was born in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, on the 9th of March, 1830, and was there reared and educated in the German tongue. During the first thirty years of his life he followed the carpenter's trade, after which he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. In 1852 he

came to Champaign county, Ohio, locating in Johnson township, near Millerstown, where for a time he followed the carpenter's trade and later took up his abode on a farm in this vicinity. After coming to this county he was united in marriage to Henrietta Idle, who was born in Concord township, Champaign county, on the 28th of January, 1839. His father, Henry Idle, was one of the early pioneers of this county, having removed here from Virginia. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Houser were born six sons, —John W., Daniel C., Louis H., J. P., Jerry and Taylor. All were born and reared in Champaign county, and with the exception of the youngest all are still living. Mr. Houser is a life-long Democrat, and is a valued member of the old German Reformed church.

Daniel C. Houser, of this review, remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-six years of age, and the district schools of Champaign county afforded him his educational privileges. At the early age of eighteen years he began teaching in the schools of his native township, following that profession for eight years, and during five years of the time he also studied medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. Longfellow, of Urbana. Later he became a student in the Starling Medical College, of Columbus, Ohio, in which institution he was graduated on the 25th of March, 1897. In that year he began the practice of his profession in Millerstown. He now enjoys a large general patronage and holds prestige among the most eminent members of the profession in this part of the state. He is also the owner of twenty acres of land north of Millerstown.

In Champaign county, on the 23d of October, 1893, Dr. Houser was united in marriage to Miss Florence M. Huntoon, a native daughter of this county, where she was born on the 20th of July, 1869. She was a successful teacher in the schools of this locality prior to her marriage. Her father, Martin True Huntoon, was born in New Hampshire, but in a very early day came to Champaign county, and in Union township was

united in marriage to Abigail Minturn, a native of Columbus, Ohio. They became the parents of six children,—Charles, Edward, Susan, Anna, William and Florence. The third son, William, is now deceased. All were born and reared in Champaign county. Mr. and Mrs. Houser have had two children,—Lester, born in Millerstown, September 6, 1894, and Lela, born March 13, 1898. The Doctor gives his political support to the Democratic party, and in his fraternal relations is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Crayon. He is a valued member of the Baptist church at Millerstown, in which he has served as a deacon for a number of years. Both as a physician and citizen he enjoys the high esteem of the residents of Champaign county.

ELWOOD S. McCLELLAN.

For a number of years Elwood S. McClellan has been an honored resident of Champaign county. He has won an excellent reputation in business circles, and whatever tends to elevate and improve the condition of his fellow men is certain to receive his earnest support and influence. He was born in Tiffin, Seneca county, Ohio, September 27, 1854. His father, Hiram McClellan, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and after his marriage removed to Tiffin, Ohio, removing thence, in 1868, to Cable, Champaign county, where he is now a retired farmer. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Eliza Swisher, and she, too, was a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. She now resides with her husband in their pleasant home in Cable. Of their six children three are now living, two sons and one daughter, and two daughters and a son are deceased.

Elwood S. McClellan, the second child and second son in the above

family was fourteen years of age when he came with his parents to Wayne township, Champaign county. Prior to his removal here he attended the schools of Seneca county, later became a student in the Heidelberg College, at Tiffin, and after completing his education he taught for three terms in Wayne and Rush townships, Champaign county. For the following six years he was engaged in farming near Mingo. In 1886 he left his Ohio home for Kansas, and in Gray county, that state, took up government land and followed agricultural pursuits there for two years, during which time he was active in public affairs, having served as county commissioner and being also elected to the legislature from Gray county. He still owns one hundred and sixty acres of land in that state. His homestead in Wayne township, Champaign county, consists of two hundred and ten acres, and he also owns one hundred and eighty-eight acres in Logan county, Ohio. In addition to the raising of the cereals he also makes a specialty of the raising of standard bred trotting horses, and in this line of endeavor has met with a high degree of success. His home place is known as the "Kings Creek Valley Stock Farm," and there he raises annually about thirty head of horses and cattle. He now has "Strong Boy," 2:11¼, and "Aletus," 2:17½. His political support is given to the Republican party, and for a long period he served as chairman of the school board in Wayne township.

In 1877 occurred the marriage of Mr. McClellan and Miss Maria T. Johnson, and they have four children, two sons and two daughters, —Maud, Hiram, Margaret and Ivan Boggs, all at home. The family are members of the Friends church. Mrs. McClellan was born January 2, 1854, in Wayne township, this county, daughter of Hiram and Margaret Johnson. He was born in Wayne township and lived there for ninety-two years, being a very successful farmer and cattle raiser, who owned nineteen hundred acres of land free of all incumbrance when he died in 1900, in his ninety-second year. His wife was born in Virginia January

14, 1817, daughter of David and Esther Brown. The former was born in Frederick county, Virginia, was a successful farmer and died at the age of eighty-two, while his wife, Esther, after raising eight children, died about middle life. Hiram Johnson had two sons, Nelson and Alfred. Nelson died leaving a large estate, while Alfred is still living.

RICHARD DU VAL WILLIAMS.

From the beginning of his active connection with Mechanicsburg, in 1839, Richard Du Val Williams strove to maintain conditions commercially and industrially substantial, and morally and intellectually high. That he was eminently successful in the consummation of his desires is vouched for by those permitted to associate with him in whatsoever capacity and by the banking and mercantile concerns which owe their origin and subsequent success to his appreciation of their utility.

From forefathers long connected with the south Mr. Williams inherited not only thrift and industry but a nature at once devout and humanitarian. He was born in Pleasant Grove, Maryland, June 27, 1815, and his death occurred in this town, December 4, 1894. In the early subscription schools of Maryland he acquired such education as a busy childhood around the home farm permitted, and when about sixteen years of age, in 1831, he accompanied his parents to the supposed larger opportunities in the vicinity of Mechanicsburg. Eight years later, in 1839, he entered mercantile ranks in the town, and from the humble position of clerk worked his way up to a general knowledge of the business. He possessed shrewd common sense, and had a keen knowledge of human nature, and these attributes, allied with tact and a desire to

please, won for him in time a really unusual success. The business established by him so many years ago is still one of the landmarks of the city, and is owned and managed by his son, C. W. Williams, who conducts his affairs under the firm name of C. W. Williams & Company.

In 1865 Mr. Williams, with the able assistance of Thomas Davis, organized the Farmers Bank, of Mechanicsburg, of which he was president up to the time of his death. Scarcely an effort to further the welfare of the town but that bore the impress of his wise enthusiasm and often practical assistance, and he was looked upon as one of those conservative forces which are as rudders in any growing community. In his adopted town he was a power in the Methodist Episcopal church, which denomination he had joined when thirteen years of age. For forty-two years he was recording steward of the church, and for twenty-five years was superintendent of the Sunday-school. He earnestly believed in the tenets of his church, and through his influence many were brought within the fold thereof. In his effort to uplift humanity he was ably seconded by his wife, whom he married in 1829, and who was formerly Jane Claggett, of Annapolis, Maryland. Of the children reared in the Williams home but three are now living, and of these, C. W. Williams bears an honored reputation in the community, and inherits to a large degree his father's business discretion and ability.

A native of Mechanicsburg, C. W. Williams was born May 4, 1841, and was educated in the public schools of the town. Under his sire's example and instruction he developed into a practical business man, and since 1865 has had control of a large and lucrative business. In 1865 he married Rebecca Guy, who died in 1877, leaving three children, Charles Edwin, Alta Rebecca and Frances. In 1878 Mr. Williams married Mary Horr, and of this union there are also three children, Anna May, Helen Jane and Howard Horr. Mr. Williams is a Republican in political affiliation, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

HIRAM McCLELLAN.

For many years the subject of this review, Hiram McClellan, has been engaged in agricultural pursuits in Champaign county, and in the locality where he has so long resided he is loved and honored for his many noble characteristics. A native son of the Keystone state, his birth there occurred in Lancaster county, June 28, 1829. His father, Joseph McClellan, was a native of Philadelphia, that state, while the paternal grandparents of our subject were born in either Ireland or Scotland. In a very early day they located in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where they followed the tilling of the soil. There the son Joseph was reared to years of maturity, but in 1853 he left the home of his youth for the Buckeye state, where he resided from that time until 1865, and in the latter year he took up his abode in Brown county, Illinois, his death there occurring in Galesburg. In political matters he gave a stanch support to Republican principles, and his last presidential vote was cast for Lincoln at his second election. He was then in a very feeble condition, but such was his enthusiasm and public spirit that he was carried to the polls, entirely against his physician's advice. His death occurred when he had reached his sixty-ninth year. As a companion on the journey of life he chose Clarisa Souder, a native of Maryland, but when sixteen years of age she accompanied her parents on their removal to Pennsylvania. Her father, David Souder, was a mechanic and also a carpenter and builder, and he lived to the ripe old age of ninety-four years. Late in life he removed to Tiffin, Ohio, and when he was ninety-three years of age he walked a mile and a quarter to the polls to vote for Lincoln at his second election. The town of Soudersburg, Pennsylvania, was named in his honor. His wife reached the age of seventy-five years. She was a sister of Senator Peffer's mother. Mr. and Mrs. McClellan became the parents of five children who grew to

years of maturity, namely: Hiram, the subject of this review; Nancy, the wife of Dr. William Kaull, of Princeton, Illinois; Emma, the wife of John Bailey, editor of the Bureau County Republican, of Princeton, Illinois; Captain Joseph Simpson, who served as a soldier in the Civil war and is now identified with the Horticultural Society of Colorado; Lavenia, the wife of Samuel Osborn, also a soldier in the Civil war in an Indiana regiment, and he is now employed as an attorney and in the real-estate business in Mankato, Minnesota.

Hiram McClellan received his elementary education in the public schools of his native place and later he attended Whitesborough Academy, New York. After completing his education he again entered the school room as an instructor and for twenty-two terms taught in both Pennsylvania and Ohio. On the 24th of December, 1850, he was united in marriage to Eliza Swisher, who was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in October, 1827, a daughter of Jeremiah and Mary (Pennington) Swisher. On the maternal side she is descended from English Quakers who came to this country with William Penn, while on the paternal side she is of Swiss descent. Mrs. McClellan, the third in order of birth of her parents' ten children, was reared and educated in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where she attended the common and select schools, and was afterward employed as an instructor for three terms. In 1851 Mr. and Mrs. McClellan made the journey to Ohio, spending the first eighteen years in Tiffin, Seneca county, where they were engaged in farming and teaching. Since 1868 they have resided in Cable, and adjoining this village they own ninety-two acres of rich and valuable land. He has ever taken an active interest in the public affairs of his locality, where for fifteen years he has served as a notary public, and his political support is given to the Prohibition party. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The union of our subject and his wife has been blessed with six

children, namely: Leander S., a farmer and manufacturer in Wayne township, Champaign county; Elwood S., whose sketch appears on another page of this volume; Mary, the wife of Philander P. Lindill, of Wayne township; Clarence, who died while attending Delaware College, June 19, 1883, the year of his graduation; Abbie, who became the wife of Alexander Crisman and died in 1893; and Cora, who became the wife of R. P. Blackburn and died in 1901. Mr. and Mrs. McClellan also have thirteen grandchildren. They have been very active in the cause of temperance. Mr. McClellan took the pledge at eight years of age and since has done many acts substantially good for the cause, while his wife has worked in the cause of temperance almost all her life, joining the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in 1874, and has been very active on these lines since, holding the principal offices of that organization for several years. Mr. McClellan has been a representative to the Grand Lodge of the Good Templars.

HORACE M. CROW.

The emulator but by no means imitator of his distinguished and capable father, Horace M. Crow, one of the most erudite of the legal practitioners of Champaign county, and a resident of Urbana for the greater part of his life, was born in Cincinnati, this state, April 4, 1855. His parents, Thomas D. and Henrietta (Downs) Crow, were married in 1847, and the latter died in 1858, when her son was but a toddling child. The father came to Urbana when fourteen years of age, after completing a bound-boy's service, and while learning the tailor's trade began to make amends for a hitherto neglected education. Because of his untiring industry and application he in time gained exceptional gen-

eral and legal knowledge, and like a sturdy oak pushed his way and stood erect in the midst of disturbing and conflicting elements. His subsequent association with the professional and educational undertakings of the county is dwelt upon at length in another part of this work, yet none but the universal record is needed to enroll his name among the men of all climes who have not only found but have created opportunities.

From about his fifth year Horace M. Crow received his early training in Urbana, and after completing the course at the public schools studied during 1870-71-72 at the Ohio Wesleyan University. He afterward taught school in Franklin and Champaign counties, and was thus employed for about three years, and in the meantime had come to regard law as a science whose mastery would be not only congenial but eminently fitting. Not possessing the available means to devote his entire time to professional research he secured employment as a clerk in a mercantile establishment, and at the same time studied law in the office of his father and brother. He was admitted to the bar in December of 1878, and in January of the following year began to practice in Urbana. In the spring of 1881 he changed his field of activity to Van Wert, in which town he lived for four years, and where he served as deputy clerk for one term. In December of 1884 Mr. Crow resumed practice in Urbana, and in February of 1887 removed to Columbus, as deputy clerk of the supreme court, an office maintained until September of 1893. His stanch support of the Republican party resulted in still further appreciation on the part of his former fellow townsmen of Urbana, for in 1895 he was elected city solicitor of the town, and discharged the duties of the office for two terms, or until the spring of 1899. In partnership with his brother Mr. Crow continued to add to his already large clientele, but since the departure of the brother for the west he has proceeded on independent professional lines. An additional responsibility satisfac-

torily assumed by Mr. Crow has been the secretaryship of the Industry Loan & Building Company, with which he became connected in 1893.

The marriage of Mr. Crow and Frances Kenaga, daughter of W. F. Kenaga, a retired farmer of Urbana, occurred in October of 1882. Mr. Crow is variously associated with the social, professional and fraternal organizations in which Urbana abounds, and is especially well known as a Mason, being past master of Champaign Lodge and past high priest of Urbana Chapter. This is his third year as thrice illustrious master of the Urbana Council, R. & S. M. With his wife he is a member of, and liberal contributor towards, the Methodist Episcopal church. In his relation to all phases of life in Urbana Mr. Crow bears an enviable reputation, and his intelligent determination, clear and incisive mind, loyalty to interests confided to his care, as well as his natural and acquired ability combined with a genius for hard work, make him a lawyer in whom his clients may have implicit confidence, and for whom may safely be predicted a continuation of his present success.

W. W. WILSON.

Whether as cashier of the Citizens National Bank since 1878, as a soldier strenuously employed in the service of his country during the Civil war, or as a promoter of peaceful and substantial conditions in his adopted town of Urbana, W. W. Wilson has made faithfulness to duty his unchanging watchword, and thoroughness and stability his rule of life. A native of Concord township, this county, to which his paternal grandfather came many years ago from Washington county, Pennsylvania, he was born May 1, 1842, and is a son of Elias R. and Mary (Russell) Wilson, the former also born in Concord township.

When four years of age W. W. Wilson was left fatherless, his brother, John R. Wilson, now of Oklahoma territory, being the other son in the family. Although the mother afterwards re-married, the fact did not materially change the prospects of the boys, and when eight or nine years of age W. W. found himself face to face with the serious and responsible side of life. However, he managed in the midst of his arduous farm duties to acquire a fair education in the district schools, and even at a later day succeeded in graduating from the high-school at Urbana. A variation in a somewhat monotonous agricultural existence was brought about with the culmination of smouldering hostilities between the north and south, and in April of 1861 he endeavored to become a member of a home company of which A. F. Vance, Sr., was captain. The quota being full he was not mustered in, but in September of the opening year of the war he enlisted in Company G, Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for three years, and upon the organization of the company was appointed sergeant. Little dreaming of the permanent reminder of grim-visaged war which fate had in store for him, he departed with the company for the front in January of 1862, and the following June, at the battle of Port Republic, Virginia, sustained a severe injury to his leg. Totally disabled, the injured member proved a source of great suffering and inconvenience, and was subjected to three different stages of amputation in the effort to save a part of its usefulness. In addition to this trying ordeal, Mr. Wilson fell into the hands of the enemy, and for four months was permitted to familiarize himself with the interiors of the prisons at Waynesboro, Lynchburg and Libby. Eventually exchanged, he was discharged in December of 1862, his brief but terrible military experience having contained about all the trials to which soldiers are heir. Since peace was restored he has been a member of the W. A. Brand Post, No. 98, Grand Army of the Republic.

During 1866 and 1867 Mr. Wilson was journal clerk of the Ohio

house of representatives, and the latter part of 1867 was appointed revenue collector of his district, a position creditably maintained for eleven years, or until the assumption in 1878 of his present responsibility as cashier of the Citizens Bank. In 1868 Mr. Wilson was united in marriage with Anna Virginia Russell, who died in 1898, leaving three children, William R., Carrie Virginia and Frank C. In 1900 Mr. Wilson married Mrs. Mary B. Murry, widow of James Murry. The Methodist Episcopal church has a stanch worker and supporter in Mr. Wilson, who has been a steward of the church for forty years, superintendent of the Sunday-school for ten or twelve years, and also a teacher in the Sunday-school. As one of the best known, most thoroughly enterprising and most helpful of the citizens of Urbana, Mr. Wilson receives a deserved measure of appreciation, and his tact and agreeable personality have won him many friends.

ELIJAH T. WOODCOCK.

Among those activity in normal channels of business enterprise have accelerated the current of industrial progress in Champaign county, Ohio, is Mr. Woodcock, who for more than a quarter of a century has been one of the leading grain and produce dealers in this section of the Buckeye state. He has attained in business a prominence that is due entirely to honorable and systematic methods, indefatigable industry and resolute purpose, and thus his success has been worthily won, while its natural concomitant is the unreserved confidence and esteem accorded by his fellow men.

The name borne by our subject has been identified with the annals of American history from the time of its practical inception and is one which has been prominent in the business, civic and public affairs of

various sections of the Union, throughout which representatives of the family have been disseminated, as one generation has followed another upon the stage of life's activities. It is an established fact that the original American progenitor was an Englishman who was numbered among the pilgrims who sailed for the new world on the historic Mayflower, probably coming on the second voyage of this stanch but primitive craft. He finally settled in Brattleboro, Vermont, where he became one of the prominent and influential men of the colony. His descendants are now to be found in the most diverse section of the Union. Our subject's maternal ancestors became early and prominently identified with the history of New Hampshire, and the maternal grandfather was numbered among the early settlers in western New York.

Elijah T. Woodcock was born in Allegany county, New York, on the 15th of January, 1833, being a son of David and Martha (Osgood) Woodcock, both of whom were born in Swansey, New Hampshire, where their marriage was solemnized and whence they emigrated to New York, where the father was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death. They became the parents of ten children, of whom seven lived to attain years of maturity, while five of the number are living at the present time. The subject of this sketch was reared under the sturdy and invigorating discipline of the farm, and it is interesting to note the fact that during the long years of his active and useful life he has continued to be identified, in a direct or collateral way, with the great basic art of husbandry. He remained on the old homestead until he had attained his legal majority, attending the common schools of the vicinity and later prosecuting his studies for a time in the Alfred Academy, in his native county, this being a popular institution and one of high reputation. He left this school in 1855 and made his way to the west, locating for a time in Iowa and thence removing to Minnesota, where he had the distinction of being the first settler in Kandiyohi county, this

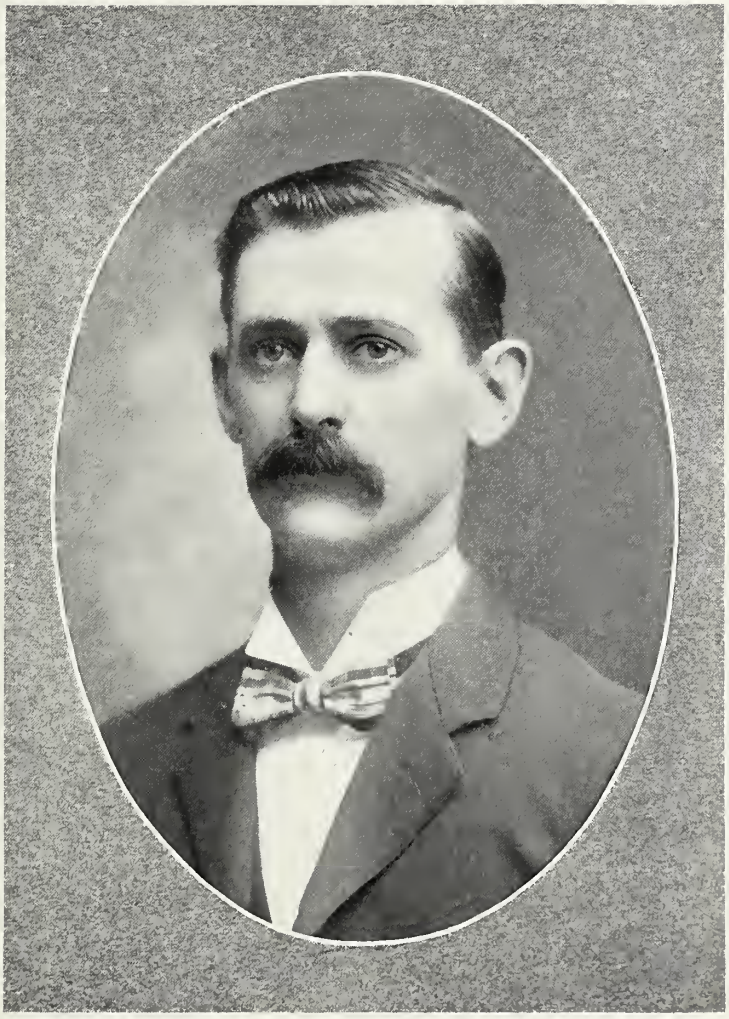
being in the year 1856. He soon returned to his native state, locating in Wellsville, where, under the firm name of Woodcock & Crittenden, he was associated in the conducting of an extensive produce business until 1876, in which year he came to Urbana, Ohio, being joined by his family two years later, and here they have ever since maintained their home. Here he forthwith established himself in the grain and produce business and is now the pioneer operator in this very important line of industry, with which he has been here consecutively identified for more than twenty-five years. In this connection we cannot, perhaps, do better than to quote from an article appearing in the Champaign Democrat of March 30, 1899, since the statements remain pertinent at the present time: "The pioneer business in nearly every town situated in an agricultural district is that involved in the establishment of a grain elevator, and no one factor is more important in insuring the success of the farmer. With live, enterprising men of ample capital and good business connections in the leading grain centers prosperity is assured. In the elevator of Mr. E. T. Woodcock we have such a factor. Handling of grain of all kinds, and also seeds and wool, for which the highest ruling prices are paid, this concern has become a favorite one in this vicinity. The facilities are unexcelled and bear evidence of careful planning, no expense being spared to render the service first-class in every respect. Here, on the Big Four tracks, Mr. Woodcock has an elevator with a capacity of fifty thousand bushels, and in conjunction with Mr. A. Beatley he has a fifteen thousand bushel warehouse at King's Creek, on the railroad, and another of eight thousand bushel capacity at Lippincott, and he also has arrangements for loading cars on the Erie road at Dallis' switch. In Mr. Woodcock we find a man thoroughly conversant with every feature and detail of the business, a discriminating and careful buyer, a sharp seller and one who is universally respected." At one time Mr. Woodcock was largely interested in the manufacture of phos-

phate in Florida. He is a man of genial nature, frank and straightforward in all the relations of life and having that intrinsic integrity whose domination results invariably in gaining and retaining unequivocal confidence and esteem. He is honored as an able and conservative business man and public-spirited citizen. In addition to his interests in Champaign county he is the owner of a large amount of valuable farm property in Harper county, Kansas. In politics Mr. Woodcock exercises his franchise in support of the principles and policies of the Republican party, but, deeming his business affairs worthy of his entire time and attention, he has refused to be "afflicted" with public office of any nature.

On the 4th of September, 1856, Mr. Woodcock was united in marriage to Miss Loretta C. Curtis, of Franklinville, Cattaraugus county, New York, and of their children we incorporate brief record as follows: Dell is the wife of Frank Macken, of Wellsville, New York; Cora V. is the wife of George T. Alger of the same place; Helen M., a successful and popular teacher, died at Orange, New Jersey, in 1893, at the age of twenty-nine years; Jesse remains at the paternal home, assisting his father in his business; and Josephine is a popular and efficient teacher in the public schools of Urbana. Mrs. Woodcock and her children are members of the Baptist church.

MARION W. THOMAS.

As incumbent of the important and responsible office of treasurer of Champaign county, as a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of this favored section of the old Buckeye commonwealth, and as himself an able business man and representative citizen of Urbana,



MARION W. THOMAS.

there is prima facie propriety in here according specific mention of Mr. Thomas.

Marion W. Thomas was born in Jackson township, Champaign county, on the 29th of October, 1865, and he has passed the major portion of his life within the confines of his native county. The family whose reputation for worthy accomplishments he so well sustains had as its first representative in Ohio his grandfather, John Thomas, who was born in the beautiful Shenandoah valley, Virginia, the name having been identified with the annals of the Old Dominion from an early epoch in its history. John Thomas became one of the first settlers in Jackson township, Champaign county, whither he had come from his old home in Virginia, and here was born his son William, who figures as the honored father of the subject of this sketch and who has been a most faithful and zealous worker in the vineyard of the divine Master, as a clergyman of the Baptist church. He was born in this county and was reared on the old pioneer homestead, and in his early youth he began preparing himself for the work of the ministry, eventually realizing his desires and being ordained in the Baptist church. His advocacy of truth and justice has been eloquently urged upon his hearers during the long years of his active ministry and he has accomplished much in the uplifting of his fellow men, being ever animated by a deep human sympathy and imbued with a spirit of gentle tolerance, which has gained him the affection of those to whom he has ministered and over whom he has been placed in pastoral charge, his ministerial duties having in the past been associated with the work of his church throughout the greater portion of the state of Ohio. Rev. William Thomas is still living, having attained the venerable age of seventy-seven years (1902). In carrying forward his work for humanity he found a devoted companion and coadjutor in the wife whom he married in early manhood and whose maiden name was Emily E. Watts and who was born at Mount Pleasant, Virginia, in 1828.

When she was but five years of age she and her two sisters accompanied their widowed mother to Urbana, and here she was reared and educated.

From his worthy father Marion W. Thomas inherited studious and inquiring mental traits, and thus he found but imperfect satisfaction in pursuing his studies in the district schools of his native county. Nevertheless, from general observation in the midst of practical duties and environment, he learned much that can not be imparted in schools and that is not recorded in text-books, and personal application and well directed reading, study and research have effectively supplemented the rudimentary discipline of the public schools. Thinking to improve his prospects by removal to the west, Mr. Thomas passed a summer in that section and this interval proved of adequate duration for him to arrive at the conclusion that Ohio was, after all, a desirable field for legitimate enterprise and activity, and upon his return he assumed the management of his father's farm, the place having been for years a source of pride and satisfaction to the latter, and he had devoted much care and attention to improving and beautifying this attractive rural home, while continuing his active ministerial labors. In 1883 Mr. Thomas made his initial efforts as a shipper of poultry, operating a branch house for Asa Stapleton during the winter season, when his attention was not demanded in connection with the farm. He continued to be associated with Mr. Stapleton until the death of that gentleman. In 1891-2 he was junior member of the firm of Cline & Thomas, who engaged in the same line of enterprise, with the details of which our subject had become thoroughly familiar and along which he was destined to attain a high degree of success and the reputation of being possessed of excellent executive and administrative abilities and powers. In the fall of 1892 Mr. Thomas removed with his family to Saint Paris, and after the opening of the season of 1893 he effected a lease of the Stapleton poultry-packing house, and simultaneously formed a partnership with Dr. C. Jones, under the firm title of Thomas

& Jones. They were thus associated in the poultry business until April, 1895, when Mr. Thomas purchased his partner's interest and individually continued operations, his business for the ensuing year reaching the notable aggregate in transactions of fifty thousand dollars. He has ever since continued to be one of the leading poultry shippers of the state and is now carrying on operations upon a very extensive scale. In 1893 Mr. Thomas was elected to the office of city clerk of Saint Paris and two years later was chosen as his own successor in this office. In 1899 he entered the primary race for the office of county treasurer and in one of the most warmly contested campaigns in the history of the county was nominated as the Republican candidate for the office by a majority of four hundred and seventy-three, while in the ensuing election his majority was nine hundred and seventy-one. In 1901 Mr. Thomas was renominated without opposition and was elected by a majority of seventeen hundred and thirty,—a fact in itself sufficiently significant to render unnecessary any words of commendation in this connection and showing that his administration of fiscal affairs had been such as to gain popular approval and a flattering endorsement, while in this connection it should be noted that he is the youngest man who has ever held this office in the county. He has given an unwavering allegiance to the Republican party and has taken an active interest in its local work and cause. He is esteemed by all who know him, without reference to political affiliations, and is one of the most painstaking and conscientious of the officers of Champaign county. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Red Men.

On the 3d of December, 1895, Mr. Thomas was united in marriage to Miss Ida L. Boyer, and they are the parents of two children,—Hazel L. and John. Mrs. Thomas is a lady of gracious presence and innate refinement, presiding with dignity over the home in Urbana, where Mr. Thomas took up his residence upon being elected to his present office.

DR. ADAM MOSGROVE.

One of the pioneer physicians of Champaign county and a man who wielded an extensive influence, Dr. Adam Mosgrove, left the impress of his individuality upon the public life and is still greatly esteemed for his genuine worth as a citizen. He was born in Inniskillen, in the county of Tyrone in Ireland, August 12, 1790. At the proper age he was placed under the instruction of a private teacher and thus acquired a good English education and was prepared to enter the medical college at Edinburgh, Scotland. He became a student in the Royal Academy of Surgeons at Dublin, Ireland, where he was graduated April 7, 1814. Immediately afterward he was commissioned as surgeon in the British Navy and on Easter Monday, 1816, left the Emerald Isle to assume the duties of surgeon on board the ship Charlotte, which sailed for the United States. When off the American coast the vessel became disabled in a storm and put in to the Pennsylvania Harbor for repairs but a dispute having arisen between the ship's officers and the British government the officers resigned their commissions and left the vessel in the harbor, where it remained until completely destroyed by decay.

Dr. Mosgrove was then in a strange land and had in his possession but seventy guineas. He started west to begin the battle of life, first locating in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, but after a short time removed to Elizabethtown that state. In both places he practiced medicine and in the latter city was married, in 1817, to Mary Miller. About this time Dr. Mosgrove learned that George Moore, who was born in his own native town, had settled in Champaign county, Ohio, and the ties of nativity were sufficiently strong to attract him to the home of his old friend. In 1818, therefore, he packed his possessions in a wagon and with his wife started for the far west, arriving in Urbana in the latter part of June of the same year. Soon after arriving in this city the Doctor invested the few hun-

dred dollars which he had saved in land and this was the nucleus around which the fortune, possessed at the time of his death, was slowly accumulated. He purchased a small farm house situated in Miami street, just west of what is now known as Douglas Inn, and that little frame dwelling continued to be his residence and office until he erected a new home on the the southeast corner of Walnut and Miami streets, where he resided up to the time of his death. The property is now owned and occupied by his son, James M. Mosgrove, M. D., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere. On the door of this residence is yet to be found the name of Dr. Adam Mosgrove, it being retained there by the son out of respect to the memory of his father.

In 1833 Dr. Mosgrove lost his first wife and in the following year was married to Frances A. Foley, a daughter John Foley, a prominent pioneer citizen of Clark county, Ohio. There were no children born of the second marriage. The Doctor's eldest son, John A. Mosgrove, now deceased, was a prominent citizen of Urbana for a long period. Colonel W. F. Mosgrove, the second son, organized a battery during the Civil war and died in 1869. Dr. James M. Mosgrove is still residing in Urbana and is the youngest of the family.

The father was well known even beyond the limits of Champaign county and his professional services were frequently demanded long distances from his home. For a number of years he practiced alone, but afterward became associated with Dr. J. S. Carter, Sr., who died in 1852, and their extensive practice was continued by our subject for many years. In those early days physicians made their calls on horse back and the Doctor being noted as an expert horseman rather enjoyed the long rough trips over the country. Sometimes he would hitch his horse in the woods at night rather than unduly tire his favorite animal, while he himself took his own needed rest upon the ground. Strong and robust, a picture of perfect health, and blessed with a kindly disposition, his coming was

hailed with delight by the sick who confided in his professional ability and by those of health to whom he imparted a share of his own good humor. He was temperate in all things and abstained from the use of intoxicants even in a day when custom almost demanded it. Indomitable courage and industry were the remarkable traits of his character and whatever he undertook he carried forward to successful completion, for he persevered in the work with all the energy of a strong nature. No storm, no event, in fact nothing could ever prevent him from making his regular visits to his patients and no obstacle could successfully intervene between him and his professional duty. He was well known for his charity, aided the afflicted poor and would respond as readily to a call that came from the needy as from the wealthiest of his patrons. His noble generosity in his profession greatly endeared him to the poorer classes and made him warm friends who yet cherish his memory. A strongly defined sense of honor and old time courtesy were salient features of his character that made him a gentleman of high repute and he was also known as a faithful friend and entertaining companion. Exceptionally well preserved physically he looked much younger than his years, until he met with an accident by which one of his limbs was broken. From that time he began to decline and on the 10th of March, 1875, passed quietly and peacefully away in his eighty-fifth year, his wife surviving him until the first of September, 1879, when she was called to her final rest at the age of sixty years.

The Doctor had long been a worthy member of the Episcopal church and the final sermon was delivered by the pastor of that denomination in Urbana, while the interment was conducted by Knights Templar of the Raper Commandery, in the presence of a large concourse of people, who had assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to their old and worthy friend and physician. In his death the medical profession of Champaign county lost one of its oldest and most energetic members, he having been actively engaged in the duties of his profession for more than a half cen-

tury. He was most kind and sympathic, diligent in his attention to the sick and suffering and was ever solicitous for their recovery, inspiring them with hope and confidence in his ability to effect a speedy cure. He enjoyed the respect and confidence of a large number of patrons and as a man and citizen was held in high regard by those whom he knew in all the walks of life. While in his native land he passed the various degrees of Masonry and at the age of twenty-six had attained the rank of Royal Arch Mason. Throughout his life he was an active and devoted adherent of the craft and held high rank in the order. Politically he was a stanch Democrat and several times was nominated by his party for Congress and for the state senate, but the opposition had an overwhelming strength in his district and it was never anticipated that election was possible. The only political office that he ever held was that of deputy United States Marshal in 1830 and in that year he took the census of Champaign county. Such in brief is the history of Dr. Adam Mosgrove, and the annals of the county would be incomplete without a record of his life, for he was one of the most important characters that figured in professional circles through many years.

HARRY COOK, M. D.

Champaign county is fortunate in retaining within its borders a high class of physicians and surgeons, who honor themselves, their noble profession and the community through their able services and sterling characters. Among the younger practitioners of the county is Dr. Cook, of Urbana, a representative of the homeopathic school of practice and known as a thoroughly skilled physician and surgeon and as a gentleman well worthy the esteem and respect in which he is so uniformly held in the community. He is associated in practice with Dr. C. C. Craig, to whom individual reference is made on another page of this work, and to

them is due the credit of establishing and maintaining that noble and finely equipped institution, the Urbana Sanitarium, whose value in the community can scarcely be overestimated. In the sketch of the life of Dr. Craig will be found more complete data concerning this institution, and to the same the reader is referred.

Dr. Cook is a native of the city of Springfield, Ohio, where he was born on the 10th of February, 1873, the son of Dr. William A. and Anna (Bechtel) Cook. Dr. William A. Cook was likewise born in Springfield, and he passed his entire life in his native state, being one of the representative homeopathic physicians of this section of the Union. He died at Tippecanoe City, Miami county, in 1890, at the age of fifty-two years. He was graduated in the Cleveland Homeopathic Medical College and was engaged in the practice of his profession in Cleveland, and Tippecanoe City, Ohio, and for a time in the city of Muncie, Indiana. His widow now maintains her home in Fremont, Sandusky county. They became the parents of three children, of whom but one survives the father. When our subject was about six months of age his parents removed to Muncie, Indiana, where they resided about eight years and then removed to Cleveland, where Dr. Cook was engaged in the practice of his profession about seven years, after which he located in Tippecanoe City, where he passed the remainder of his life. Our subject received his early education in the public schools of the three cities mentioned and then began reading medicine under the effective and careful preceptorship of his honored father. In 1890 he was matriculated in the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College, where he was graduated with the coveted degree of Doctor of Medicine in the spring of 1894, his last year having been principally devoted to clinical work in the hospitals, so that he was thoroughly fortified for the practical duties of his profession when his degree was conferred.

In May, 1894, Dr. Cook located in Urbana, and here he soon became

known as a thoroughly skilled and discriminating physician, the confidence begotten leading to his securing a practice of representative character. In June, 1899, he entered into a professional alliance with Dr. Craig, and this association has ever since continued, while they also conduct the sanitarium, which receives an excellent supporting patronage and which affords the best of accommodation and the most efficacious treatment for those suffering from the various ills to which human flesh is heir. Dr. Cook is a member of the Miami Valley Homeopathic Medical Society, in whose affairs he takes a deep interest. His political support is given to the Republican party, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Lutheran church, enjoying distinctive popularity in both church and social circles. On the 21st of October, 1899, occurred the marriage of Dr. Cook to Miss Grace, daughter of Christian Emrick, one of Urbana's representative citizens, and they are prominent in the social activities of the community.

DAVID TODD.

David Todd was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, in the year 1790, being the son of James and Martha (Wilson) Todd, both of whom were likewise natives of the old Keystone state, with whose history the respective families became identified in the colonial days. James and Martha Todd passed their entire lives in Pennsylvania, and there were born to them five sons and two daughters, namely: James, John, David, Samuel, Hugh, Mary and Martha. Samuel Todd came to Ohio in 1840, settling in Union township of Champaign county, where he died a short time afterward. David Todd, the subject of this memoir, in company with three others, first came to Ohio in 1812, on a prospecting trip,

the journey being made on horseback, and at that time visited Urbana, which was a small hamlet in the virgin forests, and upon his return to his native county he married and there engaged in farming until 1846, when he came through with a team and wagon to Warren county, Ohio, in company with his family, his brother John having located in that section of the state in the year 1832. Our subject and his family remained there a few months and in March, 1847, came to Champaign county and settled on Pretty Prairie, in Urbana township, where he passed the remainder of his useful and honorable life, engaged in agricultural pursuits, in which he was exceptionally successful. He developed a fine farm, making the best of improvements upon the same, and at the time of his demise it was recognized as one of the most valuable farm properties in this section of the state, giving evidence of the scrupulous care and attention bestowed by its progressive and able owner. In politics Mr. Todd was originally an old-line Whig, but upon the organization of the Republican party he transferred his allegiance to this organization, which he believed had stronger claims upon popular support, and thereafter he was an ardent advocate of its principles, though he never sought official preferment or consented to serve in any political position. His religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church, and his life, in all its relations, was lived in harmony therewith. David Todd entered into eternal rest in the year 1868, in the fullness of years and honored for his sterling integrity of character and his kindly nature, which had endeared him to a wide circle of friends. He married Sarah McCormick, who was born in 1795, in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Henry and Jane (Mitchell) McCormick, and she passed away March 23, 1884, having been a consistent and devoted member of the Presbyterian church. The children of this union were twelve in number, namely: James Wilson, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Jane McCormick, deceased; Mary and Eliza, both deceased; Henry McCormick, deceased;

David Newton, who died at the age of five years; Thomas Mitchell, to whom individual reference is made in appending paragraphs; John E., of Urbana township; Sarah Martha, deceased; Rebecca Nancy, deceased; and James Samuel, of Arcata, Humboldt county, California.

Thomas Mitchell Todd was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, on the 17th of April, 1827, the son of David and Sarah (McCormick) Todd, mentioned above, and he received his early educational discipline in the common schools of his native county, supplementing this by a course of study in a local academy, so that his educational advantages were up to the normal standard of the locality and period. He was nearly twenty years of age when the family came to Ohio, and here he put his scholastic acquirements to practical test by teaching school during one winter in Warren county and one in Champaign county, being successful in his pedagogic efforts. He remained at the old homestead farm until his marriage, in 1857, when he settled on another farm in the same township and there continued successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1896,—a period of nearly forty years, within which he had developed one of the fine farm properties of this locality and attaining a high degree of prosperity. His landed estate comprises two farms, whose aggregate area is three hundred and thirty-seven acres. In April of the year last mentioned, Mr. Todd removed to the city of Urbana, where he has since lived retired from active pursuits, having an attractive home and enjoying that quiet repose which is the fitting reward for years of active and well directed endeavor.

Mr. Todd has ever been a stalwart supporter of the Republican party, but has never aspired to the honors or emoluments of public office, though his position in the community was such that he was naturally called upon to serve in various minor offices, in which line he gave able and discriminating attention to the duties involved. For fifteen years he was a member of the board of directors of the county infirmary,

sparing no pains to promote the well-being of this institution. He is a stockholder in the Champaign National Bank, of Urbana, and a member of its directorate. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church and have for many years been active and influential workers in the same.

On the 12th of March, 1857, Mr. Todd was united in marriage to Miss Mary M. Rawlings, who was born in Urbana township, this county, on Christmas day, 1831, the daughter of James and Susannah I. (McRoberts) Rawlings, the former of whom was one of the pioneers of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Todd became the parents of seven children, concerning whom we enter brief record, as follows: Susannah Irby is deceased; David Solon is a resident of Columbus, Ohio; James Rawlings is a successful farmer of Urbana township; Alma remains at the parental home; Henry William is deceased; Thomas Rawlings conducts the old homestead farm; and Pearl C., who for nine years has held a responsible position in the Champaign National Bank.

JOSEPH C. BRAND.

Joseph C. Brand was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, on the 8th of January, 1810, the family having been founded in America by his grandfather, Dr. James Brand, who was a native of Scotland and a man of distinguished professional and intellectual ability. Dr. Brand was graduated in the Edinburgh Medical University about 1756, and a number of years later he crossed the Atlantic to America and took up his abode in Frederick City, Maryland, where he was successfully engaged in the practice of his profession for many years. He finally removed thence to Ringgold Manor, that state, and later took up his residence

in Augusta county, Virginia, where he passed the residue of his long and useful life, living to attain the patriarchal age of ninety-six years and having reared a family of several children.

Thomas Brand, son of Dr. James Brand and father of the one whose name initiates this sketch, was born in the state of Maryland, whence he accompanied his parents on their removal to Virginia, while in 1808 he located in Bourbon county, Kentucky, becoming one of the early settlers of that locality. There was solemnized his marriage to Miss Fanny Carter, who likewise was born in Maryland, and they became the parents of eight children, one of whom was Joseph C., to whom this memoir is dedicated. Joseph C. Brand was reared to maturity in his native county, receiving excellent educational advantages for the locality and period and becoming a successful teacher in the schools of Kentucky. In 1830 he came to Champaign county, Ohio, as one of its pioneers, locating in Urbana, which was then a small village, where he became associated with his uncle, Dr. Joseph S. Carter, in the conducting of a drug store. Two years later he engaged in the mercantile business at Mechanicsburg, this county, his associate in the enterprise being Dr. Obed Horr, and in that village he continued to make his home until 1837, when he purchased a farm near Buck (or Lagonda) creek, in Union township, where he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits until 1851, when he again became a resident of Urbana, which continued to be his home thereafter until the close of his signally useful and honorable life.

In the year 1832 Joseph C. Brand was united in marriage to Lavinia Talbott, of Weston, West Virginia, and they became the parents of nine children, namely: Thomas T.; Joseph C., Jr.; William A.; Margaret Belle, the wife of William R. Ross, of Urbana; Mary, who became the wife of Rev. Edward D. Whitlock; John F.; Ella, who is the wife of Charles A. Ross, of Urbana; and Ellen and Iova, who died in young womanhood.

In his political views Joseph C. Brand was a stanch Republican from the time of the organization of the party, and he was prominent in the work and councils of the same, while he was called upon to serve in offices of public trust and responsibility. He did efficient service as clerk of the court of common pleas and also of the district court, but still higher official preferment and honors awaited him, for he was elected to represent both his district and county in the state legislature. Animated by the deepest patriotism, he naturaly gave his earnest support to the Union when its integrity was jeopardized by armed rebellion, and he it was who obtained the order for the raising of the gallant Sixty-sixth Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was recruited under his personal direction, while he served as quartermaster from 1861 until 1864, in which latter year he received from President Lincoln promotion to the responsible office of captain and commissary of subsistance of volunteers, acting in that capacity until the close of the war, while his military service thus covered a period of three years and two months. For distinguished service during the war he was brevetted major. During General Grant's administration as president of the United States Major Brand served as consul at Nuremberg, Bavaria, being in tenure of this distinguished office for a period of nearly three years. For three terms he was mayor of the city of Urbana, giving a notably able administration of municipal affairs, and through the early and middle portion of the past century perhaps no other citizen did more for the improvement, progress and substantial upbuilding of the city than did Major Brand. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their lives were ever in harmony with the faith to which they thus held. Major Brand was summoned to his reward on the 30th of December, 1897, and thus passed away one who had ever been honored and esteemed for his sterling character, his sincerity and kindliness, his fidelity to duty and his marked ability. His widow survives him and is now ninety years of age.

Major Thomas T. Brand.—As a son of the honored subject of the preceding memoir, as one who rendered distinguished service as a leal and loyal son of the republic during the war of the Rebellion and as an honored and representative citizen of Champaign county, it is significantly consistent that we here incorporate a brief review of the life record of Major Thomas T. Brand, who is a native son of the county and who still retains his home in the city of Urbana.

Thomas T. Brand was born in Mechanicsburg, Champaign county, Ohio, on the 28th of January, 1835, being a son of Joseph C. and Lavinia (Talbott) Brand, of whom due mention has been made in preceding paragraphs. He was reared in this county and here received his early educational training in the public schools. The thundering of Rebel guns against the ramparts of old Fort Sumter aroused a vigorous and responsive protest in his heart, and such was his patriotism that he was among the first to tender his services in defense of the integrity of the Union. On the 16th of April, 1861, ere yet the smoke had fairly cleared away from the stanch old fortress where the civil conflict was inaugurated, he enlisted as a private in Company K, Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, of which he was forthwith elected first lieutenant, his commission to date from April 17, 1861. The organization of the regiment was effected in the city of Columbus, the enlistment being for a term of three months. On the 19th of April the command left the state and proceeded to the national capital. Upon arriving at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, it was formally mustered into the service on the 29th of the same month, and it arrived in the city of Washington on the 2d of May, where it was assigned to Schenck's brigade, Tyler's division of McDowell's army of northeastern Virginia. The regiment remained on duty in defense of the federal capital until June, and on the 22d of that month Lieutenant Brand resigned his position to accept an appointment in the regular army, accepting on that date the office of first lieutenant in the Eighteenth Regi-

ment of United States Infantry. On the 11th of September, 1863, he was promoted to the office of captain, and on the 13th of March, 1865, in recognition of gallant and meritorious service in the battles of Stone River and Chickamauga, he was honored with the brevet rank of major. From June until December, 1861, Major Brand was engaged in recruiting service for the Eighteenth United States Infantry, in which he held the office of first lieutenant, as has already been noted, and in the month of December he joined his regiment in Ohio's capital city, whence the command moved onward into Kentucky, where, in January, 1862, it was assigned to the Third Brigade of the Army of the Ohio, and was thus a portion of the Third Army Corps until September of the same year. In November the regiment became a portion of the Fourth Brigade, First (center) Division of the Fourteenth Army Corps, of the Army of the Cumberland, while in January of the following year it was assigned to the Third Brigade. In February, 1862, the command moved on to Nashville and thence marched to Savannah, Tennessee, to reinforce the Army of the Tennessee. From March 20th until April 7th they were on the advance to Corinth, Mississippi, taking part in the siege at that point, from April 17th to May 30th, and in the subsequent pursuit of the enemy to Booneville. From that point the command marched to Tuscumbia, Alabama, where it arrived on the 22d of June, and there it remained on duty until the 27th of July; thereafter it was stationed at Decherd, Tennessee, until August 21st, whence it proceeded to Louisville, Kentucky, in the command of General Buell, in pursuit of Bragg. On the 8th of October the regiment took part in the battle of Perryville, that state, thence marched to Nashville, Tennessee, where it was on duty until December 26. It then advanced to Murfreesboro, and on the 30th and 31st of the month took a very important part in the battle of Stone River, the engagement continuing also to the 3d of January, 1863. Thereafter the regiment was on duty at Murfreesboro until June, and on

23d of that month began its service in connection with the Tullahoma or middle Tennessee campaign, being in action at Hoovers Gap, on June 25-6, and taking part in the occupation of Tullahoma, on July 1. Thereafter the command was prominently concerned in the Chattanooga campaign and participated in the ever memorable battle of Chickamauga, September 19-20. In the first day's battle at this point Major Brand received a severe wound in his left arm, incapacitating him for active service, and thereafter he was assigned to mustering and disbursing duty at Madison, Wisconsin, where he remained until February, 1864, after which he was identified with similar service in the city of Columbus, Ohio, until December, 1865, the war having in the meantime closed. The Major still continued in the military department of the government service, however, since he was chief mustering and disbursing officer of Indiana, at Indianapolis, Indiana, thereafter until June 1, 1867, and from that time forward until December 1, 1868, he held the same office in Ohio and West Virginia. His health had become impaired as the result of the wounds received during the war, and this led to his retirement from active service at the front on the 31st of December, 1864. His record was one of distinction and he was relieved from duty on the 1st of December, 1868, after which he returned to his home in Champaign county. He has ever since been identified with the business interests of Urbana, having made many real-estate and other capitalistic investments in the city and county and having been very successful in this line, his interests receiving his personal attention and supervision. He is a director of the National Bank of Urbana, also director of the Independent Telephone Company, of the same city, and is connected with other business interests of Urbana and vicinity. Major Brand is one of the honored members of the Grand Army of the Republic, holding membership in W. A. Brand Post, in Urbana, and the Ohio Commandery of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

On the 28th of December, 1864, Major Brand was united in marriage

to Miss Eliza C. Warnock, who was born in this county, the daughter of Rev. David Warnock, and they are the parents of two sons,—Frank W. and Thomas T., Jr. The Major is a stalwart Republican in his political proclivities, has ever taken a deep interest in all that conserves the progress and material prosperity of his home city and county, and is known as one of the representative citizens of this locality, where practically his entire life has been passed and where he is held in marked confidence and esteem.

Frank W. Brand, M. D., now a prominent specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat at Urbana, was born in this city, on the 2d of June, 1866, and acquired his preliminary education in the public schools, completing a course in the high school and being graduated as a member of the class of 1883. He then passed a year in the old and celebrated institution, Phillips Academy, at Andover, Massachusetts, and later passed two years as a student in the Urbana University, pursuing a scientific course. Determining to make the practice of medicine his vocation in life, he was matriculated in the Cleveland Medical College, where he completed a thorough course, being graduated as a member of the class of 1889 and receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine. He began the active practice of his profession in Beatrice, Nebraska, where he remained for eight years, and afterward completed a post-graduate course in the Chicago Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat and other Colleges, and then located in Urbana, where he has since been successfully engaged in practice. He is a physician of superior ability and comprehensive learning, and his skill has secured to him a liberal patronage of representative order. He is thoroughly devoted to the work of his profession, is a close and constant student and stands high among his confreres in the profession, as well as in social circles, his personality being such as to gain to him marked popularity. Fraternally the Doctor has attained high prestige in the Masonic order, in which he has advanced to the thirty-second degree

of the Scottish rite, having become a member of the consistory in Omaha, Nebraska, while he is also identified with the temple of the Mystic Shrine at Lincoln, that state. His York-rite affiliations are with the various bodies in Urbana. On the 6th of October, 1888, Dr. Brand was united in marriage to Miss Lilian Garnett,, of Urbana.

Thomas T. Brand, Jr., the second son of Major Thomas T. Brand, is likewise a native of the city of Urbana, where he was born on the 1st of February, 1875. After having duly profited by the advantages afforded in the public schools of this city he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, where he continued his educational work for two years. He then returned to Urbana and began the study of dentistry, and finally completed his preparation for his chosen vocation by entering the Indiana Dental College at Indianapolis, where he was graduated as a member of the class of 1896. Like his brother, he has attained prominence and success in his chosen field of endeavor, and he now has a large and remunerative practice in his native city. Politically he is a Republican and is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church, while fraternally he is identified with the lodge, chapter, council and commandery of the Masonic order. In 1899 he was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Marmon, of Urbana.

For almost three-fourths of a century the name of Brand has been identified with the history of Urbana and it has ever stood as an exponent of honor and usefulness, the record attaching to the name being such as to reflect credit not only upon the family but also the city and county.

THOMAS E. HUNTER.

A leading agriculturist and honored citizen of Champaign county is Hon. Thomas E. Hunter, who has spent his entire life in this county. He was born on the farm on which he now resides, October 23, 1848.

His paternal grandfather, Nathaniel Hunter, was a native of the Green Isle of Erin, but in an early day he crossed the briny deep to America and took up his abode in Virginia. In 1811, however, he left his southern home for Ohio, becoming one of the early pioneers of Champaign county. His son Thomas, the father of our subject, was born in Greenbrier county, Virginia, in 1799, and when twelve years of age he accompanied his father on his removal to the Buckeye state. After his marriage he took up his abode in Wayne township. He was a life-long farmer, a Whig and Republican in his political views and was a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he long served as a trustee and steward. In Champaign county he was united in marriage to a Miss Evans, and they became the parents of two sons, but both died when young. For his second wife he chose Nancy Johnson, who was born in Guernsey county, but in early life she came wtih her parents to Champaign county. Her death occurred when she had reached the age of seventy-four years.

Of the seven children born unto his parents Thomas E. Hunter, of this review, was the eldest son and fifth child in order of birth, and he was reared to mature years on the farm on which he now resides. He received his elementary education in the district schools of Wayne township and afterward entered the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, where he continued his studies for two years. After his marriage he brought his bride to the old Hunter homestead, where he has ever since engaged in farming and stock-raising. Since attaining to years of maturity he has given an unwavering support to the principles of the Republican party, and for two years, from 1891 until 1893, he served as a justice of the peace. Later, to fill out an unexpired term, he was elected to represent his district in the Seventieth General Assembly, and in the following year, in 1895, he was re-elected to that important position. Since retiring from the legislature he has served as a justice of the peace.

The marriage of Mr. Hunter was celebrated in 1873, when Miss Emma Robinson became his wife. She was born in Highland county, Ohio, August 1, 1853, a daughter of the Rev. J. M. and Mary M. (Kettleman) Robinson. The former was a prominent minister in the Methodist Episcopal church, and for two years he labored in what is now known as the Grace Methodist Episcopal church at Urbana. His death occurred in 1883, when he had reached the age of fifty-nine years, but he is still survived by his wife. The family is a prominent one in this locality, and its members are noted for their longevity, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Hunter having reached the age of ninety-seven years, and her paternal grandfather was ninety-four years old at the time of his death. One daughter, Mabel, has come to brighten and bless the home of our subject and wife. Mr. Hunter is identified with the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in the blue lodge and chapter at North Lewisburg and in the council and commandery at Urbana, and he is also a member of the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Mingo, in which he has long served as a trustee and steward and has been superintendent of the Sunday-school.

JOHN F. BRAND.

The inevitable law of destiny accords to tireless and well directed energy a successful career, and this fact has ample verification in the case of the subject of this review. Mr. Brand, who is recognized as distinctively one of the representative business men and public-spirited citizens of the progressive city of Urbana, and who has gained the grateful prestige of worthy success in material affairs through his ability and well directed effort, has promoted public good through private enterprise and has proved himself fully alive to those higher duties which represent the

most valuable citizenship in any locality and at any period. The advantages of Urbana as a wholesaling and jobbing center are manifest, and of this condition our subject was one of the first to show appreciation in a practical way, and he is now vice-president of the W. H. Marvin Company, with which he has been identified from the time of its inception, while he has gained a high reputation in the business circles of his native county, having passed the greater portion of his life in the city where he now maintains his home, and thus being doubly eligible for representation in a work of this nature.

John F. Brand was born in Union township, Champaign county, Ohio, on the 18th of June, 1848, being the son of Major Joseph C. and Lavinia (Talbott) Brand, the former of whom came to Champaign county from Kentucky in 1830 and here passed the remainder of his life being one of the honored pioneers of the county. A sketch of his life appears on other pages of this volume, and to the same we refer the reader for detailed information as to the genealogy and family history of our subject. When John F. Brand was but three years of age his parents removed from the farm to Urbana, and in the public schools of this place he secured his early scholastic discipline, supplementing the same by a course of study in the Urbana University. After leaving school Mr. Brand became assistant civil engineer on the construction of the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad, now known as the Erie Railroad, and was thus engaged for a period of one year. Early in 1864 he became a clerk in the subsistence department of the United States army, serving before Atlanta and Richmond and accompanying the army of the James to Appomattox. He was on duty at Richmond until July, 1865, when he resigned his position, a few months after the surrender of General Lee, which marked the practical closing of the war of the Rebellion. From Virginia Mr. Brand returned to Urbana, where for a short time he was employed as a clerk in the dry goods establishment of Ross & Hitt. Thereafter he became associated with his father and elder brother, Joseph C., Jr., in the conducting

of a grocery business. In 1869 he became a compositor in the office of the Citizen and Gazette, of which he eventually became the manager, having control of the enterprise at the time of its sale to Charles T. Jamieson, in 1879. After this decade of newspaper work Mr. Brand associated himself in the grocery business with D. A. Fulwider, withdrawing from the firm two years later and engaging in the same line of business at Bellefontaine, where he remained until 1884, when he once more took up his abode in Urbana. In 1886 he entered into partnership with W. H. Marvin and they established a wholesale grocery house in Urbana, the enterprise being conducted with signal discrimination and ability and gradually extending its scope of operations until it became expedient to organize a stock company, this being accomplished in 1895, under the title of the W. H. Marvin Company, the business being duly incorporated and Mr. Brand becoming vice-president of the concern, in which capacity he has since continued. He has charge of the salesmen and of the buying of stock, and his thorough knowledge of all details and values, together with his executive ability, has made him a forceful factor in the building up of the large and satisfactory business of this important company, which is now engaged in packing grocers' specialties for sale to jobbers. The business covers almost the entire territory of the United States. Progressive in his attitude, of broad views and genuine public spirit, he has made his influence definitely felt in the industrial life of this section, and has important local interests aside from that mentioned, being of the directorate of the Western Mutual Fire Insurance Company, the Urbana Telephone Company and the Urbana Publishing Company. Though taking no active part in affairs of a political nature, Mr. Brand has not been unmindful of the duties of citizenship and has given a stanch support to the Republican party and its principles. He is a member of Grace Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has been an officer for more than a score of years. Fraternally he is identified with Harmony Lodge, No. 8, F. & A. M.; Urbana Chapter, No. 39, R. A. M., and Raper Com-

mandery No. 19, Knights Templar, being past master of his lodge and Eminent Commander of his commandery, and taking deep interest in this ancient and honored fraternal organization.

On the 1st of December, 1870, Mr. Brand was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Patrick, daughter of Evan B. Patrick, of Urbana, and they have four children: Charles, who is connected with the house of which his father is vice-president; and Elizabeth, Ella and Joseph Evan, who remain at the parental home, which is a center of gracious and refined hospitality.

Charles Brand, born in Urbana, Ohio, on the 1st of November, 1871, is a son of John F. and Fannie Brand. He was educated in the Urbana public schools and in the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware. Early manifesting a business capacity, he managed a large fruit business of his own during the summer months for three years prior to his graduation in the high school. Upon leaving the university at Delaware he was engaged for a time in the grocery business at Richmond, Ohio, and later was connected with the W. H. Marvin Company as a traveling salesman, in which capacity he proved eminently successful. He is still connected with that house, and is also actively engaged in farming, owning and profitably conducting a farm of two hundred and thirty-five acres. On the 24th of October, 1894, he was united in marriage to Miss Louise J. Vance, a daughter of Major A. F. Vance, Jr., and they are most happily established in a home in Scioto street in Urbana.

CHRISTIAN SHANELY.

Among the early settlers and representative farmers of Harrison township, and a veteran of the great Civil war, is Christian Shanely, who was born in the southeastern part of Indiana, about thirty miles west

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Isaac Shanely David Shanely

of Cincinnati, November 5, 1826, the third son and fifth child of John and Catherine (Haisch) Shanely, whose history will be found in the sketch of their eldest son, Jacob Shanley, in this volume. When a small boy our subject was taken by his parents to Shelby county, Ohio, and a short time afterward the family came to Champaign county. He received his education in the old-time log school houses of the locality, with their greased paper windows and slab seats and desks. After putting aside his text-books he assisted his father in the work of the home farm until 1850, when he made the journey to the Golden state, going direct to Sacramento City, and about six months were spent on the road from St. Joe across the plains with an ox team. After seven months spent on the Pacific slope as a miner he returned by the water route to New York City, whence he went to Albany and Buffalo and finally reached his old home in Champaign county, where he resumed the quiet pursuits of the farm. After his marriage he located on a farm in Adams township, where he was engaged in general farming and stock-raising until the Civil war prompted his enlistment in the Union cause. In 1864 he became a member of Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, entering the ranks as a private, but was soon afterward promoted to the position of sergeant, and for four months he served in the National Guards, under Colonel Armstrong. They went to Cumberland, Missouri, thence to Washington, thence to Petersburg and remained there until discharged in the last part of August.

Returning to his home with a creditable military record, Mr. Shanely again took up the quiet duties of a farm life, and since that time has given his undivided attention to the work of the fields. About 1890 he took up his abode in Harrison township, where he now owns three hundred acres of land, all of which he has placed under a fine state of cultivation, and on this valuable homestead he has erected a commodious and attractive residence. In addition to the farm which he now

owns he has also given two hundred and forty acres to his sons and son-in-law.

In 1853 Mr. Shanely was united in marriage to Susanna S. Calland, a daughter of William and Mary (Armstrong) Calland, who came from Scotland to America in 1817, and they became prominent early settlers of Adams township, Champaign county. In that locality Mrs. Shanely was reared and educated, being the youngest in a family of nine children, four sons and five daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Shanely became the parents of three children,—Mary C., the wife of L. A. Kumler; John W., who married Miss Lucy Alice Pierce; and Edwin, who married Anna Sager. The loving wife and mother was called to her final rest in 1879, and she was buried at Spring Hill cemetery. In politics Mr. Shanely is a Republican, he having cast his first presidential vote for Lincoln in 1860, and he has continued to vote that ticket at every presidential election since. He is a prominent and worthy member of the United Brethren church, has always clung to whatever is of "good repute," and his name is a synonym for all that is honorable and straightforward.

JACOB SHANLEY.

Many years have passed since this gentleman arrived in Champaign county, and he is justly numbered among her honored pioneers and leading citizens. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 27, 1822, a son of John and Catherine (Haisch) Shanley, natives of Wittenberg, Germany. The father was a soldier under Napoleon Bonaparte and was with him on his march to Moscow. Out of the twenty who enlisted with him from the same town he is the only one who returned from the fatal march. In 1816 they left their little home across the sea and came to America, locating in Cincinnati, Ohio, and on their arrival they were in

debt to the amount of sixty dollars. For the following five years the father worked as a laborer in Cincinnati, after which he removed to Indiana, but two years later came again to this state, and from that time until 1830 farmed on rented land near the town of Miami. In that year they took up their abode on a rented farm in Shelby county, but a short time afterward came to Adams township, Champaign county, where Mr. Shanley had previously purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, and here they spent the remainder of their lives, the father passing away in his sixty-seventh year, while the mother reached the good old age of seventy-nine years, both passing away in the faith of the United Brethren church, of which they were worthy and active members. The church in which they worshipped was built on their land. A little log cabin first served as their meeting place, but this was later replaced by a more pretentious frame structure, and the latter was succeeded by a brick church, all built on the same site. This worthy couple became the parents of seven children, five sons and two daughters, namely: Catherine, deceased; Sophia, also deceased; Jacob, of this review; John, a resident of Adams township, Champaign county; Christian, who makes his home in both Adams and Harrison townships; David, of the former place; and Isaac, also of Adams township. Four of the sons were loyal defenders of the Union cause during the war of the Rebellion, and as a partial compensation for the trials which they were called upon to undergo in that terrible struggle they are now drawing pensions.

Jacob Shanley, of this review, was about ten years of age when he was brought by his parents to Champaign county, and in a primitive log school house in this neighborhood he received his early mental training. The teachers at that time were paid the munificent sum of ten dollars a month. In 1846, in company with a friend, he drove to the present site of Dubuque, Iowa, but at that time this now flourishing city had not been organized, and during the following summer he was there employed

at farm labor. Returning thence to his home in Champaign county, he spent the winter in attending the district school, and in the spring made the journey to Iowa, where he remained but a few months and then returned to his Ohio home. In 1849 he started on the long and arduous trip to the Golden state, the journey being made with ox teams, and on his arrival at Salt Lake City a halt was made of one week. While there he had the pleasure of hearing Brigham Young preach, and also saw all of his wives in a group, he having been invited to the July celebration, the second anniversary of the arrival of Brigham Young in Salt Lake City. Continuing his journey to the Pacific coast, he mined for a time on the Yuba river, and after two years spent in California he returned by the water route to New York City. He crossed the isthmus of Panama on foot. From New York City he made his way to Pittsburg and thence to Philadelphia, where he disposed of his gold dust for three thousand dollars. Resuming his journey to the Buckeye state, he remained for a time in Cincinnati and Piqua, and on his return to Champaign county he purchased the farm on which he now resides, which at that time consisted of one hundred and twenty-five acres. In addition to his valuable homestead Mr. Shanley also owns two farms in Shelby county, one of one hundred and seven acres and the other of one hundred and sixty-five acres, thus making his landed possessions to consist of nine hundred acres.

On the 24th of February, 1853, Mr. Shanley was united in marriage to Caroline Dormire, who was born in France December 20, 1833, a daughter of Christian and Magdalena (Baron) Dormire, also natives of that country. They came to America about 1840, and after their arrival in New York they made their way to Shelby county, Ohio. They, too, were very poor when they arrived in Ohio, and they were twenty dollars in debt. They succeeded in borrowing seventy dollars, and with this amount purchased twenty acres of land in Shelby county. They were the parents of six children, but two of the number died in infancy and

the remaining four accompanied them on their journey to America. The mother was called to her final rest at the age of seventy-four years, but the father survived until his eighty-first year. Mrs. Shanley is their third child in order of birth and is the oldest now living, her brothers and sisters being: Margaret, the wife of Lewis Bailar, who resides in Glenwood Springs, Colorado; John, of Portland, Indiana; and David, of Shelby county, Ohio. Mrs. Shanley was about seven years of age when she came with her parents to America and she was reared in Shelby county, this state, receiving her education in its district schools. Two children have blessed the marriage of our subject and wife,—David, who was born in 1854, and is still at home; and Laura E., the wife of Emerson E. Gard, of Clark county. He is a prominent grain dealer near Tremont City, where he also owns an elevator and is engaged in the coal, oil, lumber and hardware business. They have two children,—Frank J. and Mary C. At the present time Mr. and Mrs. Shanley are residing on their old homestead in Adams township and are one of the oldest couples in the township. They are active members and liberal supporters of the United Brethren church, and Mr. Shanley is a lifelong Democrat, although he has been the only one of his father's family to vote that ticket. Highly esteemed by all who know them, the uniform regard in which they are held is a tribute to upright lives,—well worthy of emulation.

JOHN SHANLEY.

This honored veteran of the Civil war, who has now reached the seventy-eighth milestone on the journey of life, is one of the honored pioneers of Champaign county. He was born in the southeastern part of Indiana, near Cincinnati, August 4, 1824, and is the second son and

fourth child of John and Catherine (Haisch) Shanley, whose history will be found in the sketch of Jacob Shanley in this volume. Our subject was about six years of age when he was brought by his parents to Adams township, Champaign county, and the educational advantages which he enjoyed in his youth were received in its public schools. He remained at home until his marriage, and soon afterward, in December, 1861, he offered his services in defense of the Union cause, entering Company I, Forty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served for three years. During his military career he participated in eleven of the important battles of the war, including those of Middle Creek, Vicksburg, Grand Gulf, Thompson's Hill, Cumberland Gap and Pain's Gap. During the engagement at Vicksburg he was struck in the cheek by a spent ball. In 1864 he received his discharge, and with an honorable military record he returned to his home.

Previous to entering the army Mr. Shanley had followed the wagon-making business, and after his return home he resumed that occupation, but soon afterward sold out and purchased the farm which he now owns. His landed possessions now consist of one hundred and sixty acres of well improved and productive land, where he is engaged in general farming and stock-raising. From a very early period he has been prominently identified with the history of this section of the state. Wild was the region into which he came when a boy of six years; its forests stood in their primeval strength, and the prairie land was still unbroken, and throughout the years which have since come and gone he has nobly borne his share in its progress and upbuilding. Throughout the years of his manhood he has given an unwavering support to the principles of the Republican party, and religiously he is a member of the United Brethren church.

In 1861 Mr. Shanley was united in marriage to Fatima Henry, who was born and reared in Shelby county, Ohio, and is a daughter of Rich-

ard and Barbara Henry, prominent early settlers of Shelby county. Four children have blessed this union, namely: R. Mark, who is engaged in the oil business at Jennings, Louisiana; David D., a grain dealer of Mendon, Ohio; Lola, the wife of George Wirick, of Adams township, Champaign county; and Estella, the wife of Harvey Princehouse, who follows the teacher's profession in Shelby county. Mr. and Mrs. Shanley also have four grandchildren,—Laura, Ethel and R. Emmitt Wirick and Jessie Princehouse. The family are among the best known citizens of Champaign county, and their friends are legion.

DAVID SHANELY.

In an enumeration of the prominent and successful farmers of Champaign county a place of due relative priority must be given to the gentleman whose name appears above and who is one of the sterling citizens of the county, where he has passed his long and useful life, being a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of the county. He has a well improved and valuable farm, which is located on section 2, Adams township, and he has here devoted his attention to the great art of husbandry from his childhood days, when he began to assist in the work of clearing and cultivating the paternal homestead.

Mr. Shanely was born in Adams township on the 20th of June, 1830, being a son of John and Catherine (Haisch) Shanely, to whom more specific reference is made in the sketch of our subject's eldest brother, Jacob Shanely, on another page of this work, so that a recapitulation is not demanded at this point. Our subject was reared on the old homestead and there continued to devote his attention to its work until his marriage, in 1860, when he began operations in the same line on his

own responsibility. When the integrity of the nation was menaced by armed rebellion Mr. Shanely abandoned the plow for the sword, and in 1864 enlisted as a private in Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he was in active service for a period of about four months. At the expiration of his term he returned to his home and resumed farming, and to this industry he has ever since continued to give his attention, also raising a high grade of live stock, and has been very successful in his efforts, his landed estate now comprising two hundred and twenty-seven acres, the greater portion being under a high state of cultivation, while the permanent improvements are of the best order, including a commodious and attractive brick residence, which was erected by Mr. Shanely in 1876. He has practically retired from the active duties pertaining to the farm, but still maintains a general supervision of his fine estate. He has taken a lively interest in all that concerns the progress and material and civic welfare of his native county, and is one of the honored pioneer citizens, the family having been one of prominence in the county from an early epoch in its history. Mr. Shanely's first presidential vote was cast for Pierce in 1852; his next for Buchanan and the third for Lincoln in 1860, since which time he has remained a stalwart supporter of the Republican party, having voted for every one of its presidential candidates from the time of its organization. His religious faith is that of the United Brethren church, and he has been an active worker in the same, as has also his wife.

Mr. Shanely's first marriage was solemnized in the year 1860, when he was united to Miss Sarah J. Henry, and they became the parents of four children, namely: John W., a farmer of Adams township, married Cora Scoby; Alice is the wife of William Long; Charles, who is a prominent physician and surgeon at Sedgwood, North Dakota, and where he is also largely engaged in agricultural pursuits, stock-raising and mining, married Capsola Shopsher; and Lydia A. is the wife of W. E. Pard-

ington, of Shelby county, and a member of the Ohio legislature. Mrs. Shanely was summoned into eternal rest in 1872, and our subject subsequently married Miss Lydia A. Wright, who was born in Henry county, Indiana. They have two children,—Trina, who is the wife of John Domire; and Barbara C., who remains at the parental home. Mr. Shanely has many times been offered official positions, but he has steadily declined, as the emoluments of office have had little attraction for him.

ISAAC SHANELY.

The subject of this review is an honored hero of the Civil war and a man who for many years has held a leading place among the agriculturists of Champaign county. He was born on the farm on which he now lives, October 20, 1832, the youngest child of John and Catherine (Haisch) Shanely, whose history will be found in the sketch of Jacob Shanley in this volume. When the country became involved in civil war Isaac Shanely left his home and went to the front as a defender of the Union cause, enlisting November 21, 1861, as a member of Company I, Forty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Entering the ranks as a private, he was soon promoted to the position of quartermaster, and in that capacity participated in many of the hard-fought battles of the war. In the engagement at Port Gibson he received a Rebel bullet in the neck and shoulder, and for a time thereafter was confined in the hospital at Grand Gulf, but on the 21st of June following he rejoined his company and was present at the siege of Vicksburg. On the 2d of December, 1864, he received an honorable discharge and returned to his home. He now receives a pension of six dollars in compensation for his services.

Throughout his entire life he has resided on the old Shanely homestead, which was entered by his father in 1820, and he still has in his

possession the original patent from the government. In 1874 he erected one of the finest residences in the county, at a cost of five thousand dollars. His farm contains three hundred and twenty acres of rich and fertile land. He has always followed advanced and progressive methods of agriculture, and his place is neat and thrifty in appearance, owing to his consecutive labors and careful supervision. In 1868 he was united in marriage to Barbara A. Shaffer, a daughter of John and Catherine (Howard) Shaffer, natives of Germany. Mrs. Shanely was also born in that country, but when four years of age was brought by her parents to America, the family locating first in Logan county, Ohio, and afterward came to Champaign county. She is the eldest child of her mother's first marriage, and she was reared and educated in this county. By her marriage to Mr. Shanely she has become the mother of five children, namely: L. Grant, who married Josephine C. Staley; Callie C., deceased; Elizabeth Jane, also deceased; George C., who was born in 1875 and is still at home; and Isaac N., also at home. The family are members of the United Brethren church, in which Mr. Shanely has served as a trustee for forty years and is an active worker for the cause of Christianity. Since returning from the war he has given a stanch support to the Republican party, and in his social relations he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. In the growth and upbuilding of Champaign county he has ever borne his part, has been honorable in business, loyal in friendship, faithful in citizenship, and now in his declining years he can look back over the past with little occasion for regret.

GEORGE G. McCREA.

Captain George G. McCrea, one of the well known and progressive citizens of Champaign county, is a member of an old and distinguished family. He is a son of Wallace and Jane (Stapleton) McCrea. The

former was born in Catskill, New York, July 11, 1810, and was a son of John and Elizabeth (Bell) McCrea. John was a son of Thomas McCrea, who was a native of Scotland, coming from Kintail, the town of McCreas. He was born in 1724. In 1759 he was married to Elizabeth Montgomery, daughter of a Scotch lord. Subsequently they came to Ireland, living in County Tyrone, and from there they came in 1787, to America, settling in Kortright, Delaware county, New York, where they lived until passing away. Thomas McCrea died in 1822. John McCrea, born in Scotland or after the removal of the family to Ireland, was the third child of Thomas and Elizabeth McCrea. When a youth of eighteen years he became imbued with the desire to emigrate to America, and gaining the consent of his parents, acted upon this impetious impulse and made the voyage to the new world alone, landing in New York City in 1775. In Kortright, New York, on February 5, 1803, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Bell, who was born in New York in 1767. In 1817, accompanied by his wife and children, Mr. McCrea removed from the Empire state to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he followed his trade of a mason and his efficiency in his line is attested by the fact that he superintended the construction of the first city water-works there. In the following year, 1818, he came to Champaign county, securing three hundred and twenty acres of government land, and on this farm his grandson, Captain George G. McCrea, now resides. After securing his land he returned to Cincinnati, where he worked at his trade until the spring of 1820, and then came with his family to his former purchase. This section was then new and wild, its forests stood in their primeval strength and the Indians still roamed through the dense woods, seeking the game which could be had in abundance. Here he took up his permanent abode, erecting a log cabin and developing his land. He was possessed of small means and during the panic of 1821-22 was obliged to sell a part of his purchase, but as the years passed by he became prosperous and eventually accumulated a competence.

For many years he was the only competent mason of this locality. Both he and his wife led earnest Christian lives and both were members of the Salem Presbyterian church, located near Christiansburg, Champaign county. He was also a member of Mount Olivet Lodge, F. & A. M., and was a Whig in his political views. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McCrea were born four children: Eliza, who married Frederick Johnston; William B., John and Wallace, all now deceased. Mr. McCrea was called to his final rest on the 14th of April, 1837, and his wife survived until July 15, 1852, when she joined him in the spirit world.

Wallace McCrea, the father of our subject was educated in the primitive schools of his day. On the 22d of March, 1832, he was united in marriage to Jane Stapleton, and they began their domestic life in this neighborhood but subsequently located on the old homestead, where the remainder of their lives was spent. During the trying period of the Civil war he manifested his loyality to the government by raising both money and men to preserve the Union. He was first a Whig in his political views, but in 1856 joined the new Republican party, ever afterward remaining a stanch supporter of its principles. Throughout his life he devoted his energies to farming and stock-raising, and in both lines he was successful. He was at all times a public-spirited and progressive citizen, and although never an office-seeker he held many local positions. The union of Mr. and Mrs. McCrea was blessed with five children, namely: John who died in 1852 at the age of nineteen years; George G., of this review; Eliza J., who married Charles L. Rogers, of Champaign county, being born September 23, 1838, and died June 26, 1876, at the age of thirty-eight years; Calvin, who died in 1843 at the age of one year and seven months; and Sarah, who died in 1852, at the age of seven years and eight months. The mother of this family closed her eyes in death on the 15th of July, 1871, at the age of sixty-three years, her birth having occurred on the 8th of July, 1808, in Ohio, but she was of Virginia parent-

age. Mr. McCrea was called to his final rest in 1893, aged eighty-three years.

Captain George McCrea, was born in a log cabin in the village of Christiansburg, July 17, 1836, and was early inured to the labors of field and meadow, his educational advantages having been secured in the primitive schools then in vogue. He remained at home until his enlistment for the Civil war, in August, 1862, entering Company E, One Hundred and Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, being mustered in as a private. His regiment was a part of the Army of the Cumberland, and with it he took part in the many hotly contested battles in which that gallant army engaged. His regiment was made a part of the Second Brigade, Second Division, Fourteenth Army Corps, and was commanded by General Thomas, the "Rock of Chickamauga." The two principal battles in which he participated were those of Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge. At Louisville, Kentucky, the Captain was mustered out of service, and was discharged at Columbus, Ohio, July 5, 1865. Captain McCrea entered the ranks as a private but for meritorious services on the field of battle he received the following promotions: Second sergeant, first sergeant, orderly sergeant, second lieutenant, first lieutenant, and during the spring of 1864 was in command of Company D. He was relieved from that command on the 27th of June, 1864, and returned to his old company, and on the death of Captain John Bowersock, who was killed at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, our subject was placed in command of Company E, his own company, serving in that capacity until he was mustered out of service. At Kenesaw Mountain, during a fall in the engagement, he received a sun stroke, and was carried off the field by four comrades of Company D, but after ten days he had sufficiently recovered to rejoin his regiment. In the same engagement, while leading his men, sword in hand, the weapon was struck by a minie ball near its point and was nearly wrenched from his hand. He still has this weapon in his possession and

it is one of his most precious souvenirs, having been the first sword given him when he was promoted to second sergeant, and he used it in all the engagements and through the whole campaign. His division was sent to the relief of Burnside at Knoxville and on May 2, 1864, his regiment was on the firing line when Sherman made his memorable move toward Atlanta. At Kenesaw Mountain, June 27, 1864, the regiment was in the thickest of the fight, losing ten of its nineteen officers in killed and wounded—one hundred and sixty-three men being killed, wounded and taken prisoners. During this memorable campaign, his regiment was within the constant hearing of musketry or artillery for one hundred days. The next battle he participated in was the battle of Jonesboro, which was really the fall of Atlanta, as Jonesboro was the only way of escape the enemy had. After the fall of Atlanta, our subject and his regiment went with Sherman to the sea and was present at the capture of Savannah. After Sherman's army, on January 20, 1865, left Savannah, it marched through South Carolina, where took place the battle of Averysboro, March 16, 1865. The battle of Bentonville followed, March 19, 1865, which was the last for that regiment as it went on to Goldsboro (Sherman's objective point), arriving March 23, 1865, then to Smithville, April 12, where they received the information of Lee's surrender on April 9, 1865, then to Raleigh, then to Morrisville; the first day of May they started for Washington by the way of Richmond, arriving at Camp Ward on the 19th of May, 1865, near Alexandria, being on the march seventeen days. With a gallant military record Captain McCrea returned to his home after the close of the war and again took up the duties of civil life. On the 1st of January, 1872, he was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Richards, and they took up their abode on the old McCrea homestead, where he has ever since resided. The place now contains two hundred and forty-one acres and constitutes one of the best farms to be found in Champaign county. On the 30th of October, 1875, Mrs. McCrea was called to her final rest,

leaving one son, John W., who resides in Cleveland, Ohio. She was born on the 7th of June, 1849. For his second wife the Captain chose Miss Hester Ann Berkshire, their wedding having been celebrated on the 8th of November, 1881, and they have one child, Mary E., who was born December 24, 1882, and is at home. Since his return from the war the Captain has been elected to many positions of honor and trust. In 1892 he was made a county commissioner, which he continued to fill for nearly seven years, and for a time was chairman of the board. He has also held the office of township treasurer. He maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in the H. C. Scott Post, No. 111, G. A. R., of St. Paris, Ohio.

PERRY DANIELS.

Perry Daniels was one of the honored pioneers who aided in laying the foundation on which to erect the superstructure of Champaign county's present prosperity and progress, and through the period of early development he was an important factor in the improvement and advancement of this section of the state. His father, Thomas Daniels, was born, reared and educated in the famous old Blue Grass state, but in 1813, after his marriage he left his southern home for Ohio, locating on the present Daniels homestead in Champaign county. The land was then in its primitive condition, but as the years passed by he cleared a portion of this farm, and here his death occurred in 1841. He was married in his native state to Sarah Cainbell, and she, too, was born and reared in Kentucky. This union was blessed with ten children, four sons and six daughters, as follows: America, Narcissa, George, Malinda, Perry, Laniana, Andrew Jackson, Milton, Etna and Gatch.

All but four of the children were born in Champaign county, and here all were reared. They have since passed to their final reward. The father gave his political support to the Whig party and religiously was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Perry Daniels, the immediate subject of this review, was born in this locality on the 8th of January, 1814, and throughout his youth and early manhood he assisted his father in clearing and improving his Ohio home. The educational privileges which he received were those afforded by the district schools of the neighborhood. In early life he also studied the art of surveying, but never followed that profession, preferring to give his energies to the tilling of the soil. After his father's death he became the owner of the old home place of one hundred and fifty-seven and a half acres. He performed his part in the arduous task of clearing new land, plowing and planting the crops and throughout his entire life he was engaged in agricultural pursuits on the old homestead in Harrison township. He was prominently identified with the Republican party, and for a number of years held the office of constable. His social relations connected him with the Masonic fraternity, holding membership with the lodge at West Liberty.

As a companion on the journey of life Mr. Daniels chose Miss Mary Barckshire, who was born in Dayton, Ohio, and she there remained until within a few years of her marriage. Her father, Henry Barckshire, was a native of the northern part of Ohio. In an early day he moved to Dayton, making the journey by boat, and during the trip a fire was kept burning in a kettle until it was discovered by the Indians. In that city he was married to Miss Sarah Morris, a native of Virginia, but when an infant she was brought to this state and was reared in Clark county. This worthy couple became the parents of six children, of whom Mrs. Daniels was the eldest in order of birth. By her marriage with our subject she became the mother of eight children, namely: Allen,

deceased; Sarah, at home; Margery, the wife of L. J. Baker, who is engaged in the implement business in Urbana; Adelia, the wife of J. H. Wilson, who is engaged in business in Corning, California; Margueritte, who also makes her home in that state; Minnie, the wife of Don Wilson, of California; Anna, who is also unmarried and resides in that state. All of the children were born on the old home farm in Champaign county. Mr. Daniels was called to his final rest on the 8th of December, 1887. His was a long, active, useful and honorable life, and his name is indelibly inscribed on the pages of Champaign county's history.

D. S. PERRY.

One of the most expert authorities on broom-corn in Champaign county is D. S. Perry, a substantial citizen of Urbana and variously interested in the surrounding agricultural, industrial and banking enterprises. A native of Venango county, Pennsylvania, he was born February 20, 1837, a son of John and Mary (Smith) Perry, and grandson of Moses and Phœbe (Cross) Perry. The origin of the family is authentically traced far back into Scottish history, in which country Moses Perry was born, and from where he emigrated to America with his parents when yet a boy. His wife was born in Ireland, and as a child crossed the sea with the rest of her family, settling, as did the Perrys, in Pennsylvania. After the marriage of the young people they removed to Venango county, Pennsylvania, and lived upon the same farm for sixty-five years, or until the time of their respective deaths. While tilling their land and taking a prominent part in the general affairs of the county, the grandparents reared a family of five sons and three daughters.

The parents of D. S. Perry were born, reared, and married in Penn-

sylvania, in which state the maternal grandfather, David Smith, was born, and in his longevity showed a truly remarkable hold on life, attaining to four months less than a hundred years. He married Ann Lane, who was of Welsh descent, and who died at a comparatively early age. To John and Mary (Smith) Perry were born five sons and four daughters, one son and two daughters being deceased. Three of the sons served their country in the Union army during the Civil war. Two of the daughters, Mrs. John W. Snyder and Mrs. D. C. Carey, as well as D. S. Perry, are the only members of the family living in Champaign county.

Up to the time of his removal to Urbana in 1880, D. S. Perry engaged in farming and stock-raising, and from his fourteenth year has been interested in either the raising, purchasing or manufacture of broom-corn. While still on the paternal homestead he attended the public schools, and in the spring of 1862 settled on a farm in Union township, this county, where with his brother, he engaged on an extensive scale in the cultivation of broom-corn. The handling of this necessary commodity proved such a reliable source of revenue that upon locating permanently in Urbana Mr. Perry devoted himself entirely to promoting his chosen industry, and with his brother formed the broom-corn manufacturing enterprise under the firm name of Perry Brothers. In time the brother withdrew from the concern by disposing of his share to Mr. White, and for the following ten years the affairs of the manufactory were conducted under the firm name of Perry & White. At the expiration of this time the interests of Mr. Perry passed into the hands of J. D. Valentine, and the now reliable and successful firm of White, Valentine & Company maintain the old substantial business integrity fostered for so many years by the Perry brothers.

In the meantime Mr. Perry had been perfecting arrangements for an independent broom-corn business along somewhat different lines, and he has since been engaged in the supply department, principally in buying

and selling corn, and also the machinery required for its conversion into brooms. He has heavy holdings in several concerns, notably the Ohio Straw-Board Company, of which he is president and chief promoter. Additional responsibilities have been assumed as president of the Ohio Laundry Company, of Urbana, as a director in the Citizens' National Bank, and as a stock-holder in warehouse interests in Arcola, Illinois. Mr. Perry is also interested in general farming, and he raises stock on an extensive scale.

On the 30th of March, 1864, Mr. Perry was united in marriage to Susan L. Madden, and of this union there have been three children, one of whom, a son, died at the age of seventeen years. The daughters are married respectively to Mr. A. B. Offenbacker and L. C. Shyrigh. Mr. Perry is a member of the board of trade, and in political affiliation is a Republican. With his wife he is connected with the Methodist Episcopal church. His is a career which has been watched with increasing pride on the part of his fellow citizens, among whom he is regarded as a typical business man of the progressive and reliable order.

R. C. MOULTON.

The Green Mountain state has furnished many men of prominence and worth to the west, and among the number is included R. C. Moulton, of Champaign county. He was born in Orange county, Vermont, February 5, 1821. His paternal grandfather, Phineas Moulton, was a native of Massachusetts, but early in life settled in Vermont, where he reared a large family of children. His son Phineas became the father of our subject, and he, too, was born in Orange county, Vermont. He followed the tilling of the soil as a life ocupation, and during the war of 1812 he

served his country as a brave and loyal soldier, for which he received a land warrant. His life's labors were ended in death when he had reached the age of sixty-five years. In the county of his nativity he was united in marriage to Maria Cotton, a native of Bethel, Windsor county, Vermont, and a descendant of Sir Robert Bruce Cotton, of England. Her father, Biby Lake Cotton, was also a native of Vermont, and was a soldier during the Revolutionary war. He married Miss Alice Chase, an aunt of Salmon P. Chase, and a sister of Bishop Philander Chase, the founder of the college at Gambier, Knox county, Ohio. Mrs. Moulton was called to her final rest at the age of eighty-four years. She became the mother of twelve children, nine of whom grew to years of maturity, namely: Martha, who became the wife of William Bissell, Bishop of Vermont; Caroline Chase, who served in the treasury department at Washington when Mr. Chase was secretary of the treasury; R. C., of this review; Ellen, who became the wife of Nathan L. Pennock; Alice Chase, who became the wife of A. M. Gould; Sarah D., the wife of William P. Wheeler, a prominent attorney in New Hampshire; Rachel D., the wife of John Newell, a civil engineer; Mary, who died at the age of eighteen years; Lavinia and Maria, twins, the former the wife of a Mr. Bates, of Washington, D. C., who formerly served in the patent office there, and the latter the wife of Gemont Graves, an Episcopal minister of Burlington, Vermont. Their daughter is the wife of Major Andrews, who is serving in the Philippines.

R. C. Moulton, of this review, received his elementary education in the district schools of his native locality, and his studies were completed in the high school of Orange county, Vermont. Desiring to enter the legal profession, he accordingly began the study of law immediately after completing his literary education, and was admitted to the bar in his native state in 1845. About two weeks later, in company with Erastus Martin, he came to the Buckeye state, locating in Rush town-

ship, Champaign county, where he made his home for one year. In 1846 he continued his westward journey, joining an uncle, Salmon Chase Cotton, at Grand De Tour, Illinois, and in the same year he went to Geneva, Wisconsin, spending the following winter at Geneva Lake. In 1847 he continued his northward trip, and in 1848 returned to Champaign county, where he again took up the practice of law and at the same time taught vocal music. On the 6th of June, 1854, Mr. Moulton was united in marriage to Olive Pearl Howard, who was born in Rush township, this county, February 3, 1832, a daughter of Anson and Olive (Pearl) Howard. Her father was born at Hampton, Connecticut, April 3, 1781, and in 1817 came to Champaign county, locating on the farm on which our subject now resides in Rush township. The place was then wild and uncultivated, and he was among the early pioneers of this locality. His death occurred on the 28th of March, 1849. His father, William Howard, was born on the 18th of January, 1749, and was of English descent. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Phœbe Fuller, was born at Hampton, Connecticut, December 8, 1759. Mrs. Moulton's mother was born in Windham county, Connecticut, July 1, 1790, and her father, Philip Pear, was a native of the same county. Mr. and Mrs. Anson Howard became the parents of four children, three sons and a daughter, but one of the sons died in infancy. Mrs. Moulton was the youngest child and only daughter in the family, and she was born and has spent her entire life upon the farm on which she still resides. She is now the only living representative of her family. Two daughters have blessed the union of our subject and wife,—Olive Pearl, who was born June 27, 1859, and died in September, 1863: and Mary, who was born July 21, 1865. The latter is the wife of Charles B. Whiley, and they reside in Lancaster, Fairfield county, Ohio, where he is a prominent attorney and a leading business man. They have two children, Dorothy Bell and Olive Pearl.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Moulton located on the old Howard homestead, where they have ever since resided. The place now contains two hundred and fifty acres of rich and productive land. In addition to the raising of the cereals Mr. Moulton is extensively engaged in the sheep business, raising principally the Rambouillet breed, and in this branch of his business has met with a very high degree of success. Politically he has been a Republican since the organization of that party, and prior to that time voted with the Whigs. His life has been well spent, and his integrity in business and his fidelity in all the relations of life have won him the confidence and esteem of many friends.

HOMER PORTERFIELD.

Homer Porterfield, president of the Porterfield Carriage Company, at Mechanicsburg, is a native of this state, and was born near New Paris, Preble county, February 14, 1863. His parents, David A. and Minerva J. (Hopper) Porterfield, were also natives of Ohio, in which state they engaged in farming during the greater part of their active lives, and where the father died in 1884, at the age of fifty-five years. The mother, who is now living in Richmond, Indiana, had eight children.

The boyhood days of Homer Porterfield were uneventfully spent on the paternal farm, and by the time he had attained to sixteen years ambitious tendencies had arisen to emphasize the limitations of his surroundings. He therefore put farming behind him as not entirely suited to his temperament, and in Richmond, Indiana, learned the carriage business, to which he has since devoted his energies. In 1890 he located in Mechanicsburg in pursuit of his chosen occupation, and two years later became interested in the Schneider Carriage Company, which enterprise

was in 1894 incorporated as the Porterfield Carriage Company, with Mr. Porterfield as president and general manager. This concern is one of the substantial business interests of the town, and turns out a high grade of vehicles, principally on the carriage order.

In 1886 Mr. Porterfield married Alice Schneider, of Richmond, Indiana, and of this union there are two children, David Philip and Rhoda Madge. Mr. Porterfield has for many years been active in Republican political undertakings, and is at present clerk of Goshen township. Fraternally he is associated with the Knights of Pythias, and he is a member of the Mechanicsburg Lodge, No. 113, F. & A. M. Mr. Porterfield has a reputation for sterling worth in his adopted town, and his public- spiritedness and enterprise are felt in many department of interest.

FREDERICK N. BARGER.

Frederick Newls Barger, a worthy representative of a sterling old family, is one of the highly respected farmers and citizens of Concord township, Champaign county. The Bargers are of German origin and the many notable traits common to that people are to be observed in the character of our subject. His paternal grandfather, John Barger, was born in Germany, but in early life he came with two brothers to America, locating in Loudoun county, Virginia. He subsequently took up his abode, in Rockbridge county, that state. In political matters he was a Democrat. His son, Adam Barger, was there born on the 27th of December, 1784, and in the county of his birth, in 1808, he was united in marriage to Susanna Garrett, a native of Rockingham county, Virginia, and they became the parents of eleven children: Sally, deceased; Frederick N., of this review; George, Rebecca, Sophia, John and Chris-

tina, also deceased; Nancy, who died in infancy; William, deceased; Matthew and Mary. In the Old Dominion, in 1832, the mother of this family was called to her final rest. Three years later, in 1835, the father came to Champaign county, purchasing eighty acres of land four miles west of our subject's present farm, where he made his home until death, in 1869, passing away at the age of eighty-four years.

Frederick N. Barger, whose name introduces this review, was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, February 27, 1813, and remained under the parental roof and gave his father the benefit of his services until he was twenty-one years of age. In 1836 he joined the family in Champaign county, locating one mile west of the Concord church, in Concord township, where for a time he worked at different occupations, during the first winter here being employed as a stavemaker and afterward as a carpenter. After his marriage he embarked in the gunsmith business, and while thus employed he repaired over three thousand guns and made about one hundred and fifty new ones. He subsequently returned to the old farm which he had first purchased on coming to Champaign county, near the Concord church, where he made his home until 1868, and in that year he came to the farm which he now owns. The place consists of eighty-eight acres, most of which he has placed under cultivation, and the many and substantial improvements thereon stand as monuments to his ability. He is also the owner of several sawmills. In former years he was a member of the old Know Nothing party. For thirteen years he efficiently served his township as its trustee, was its treasurer for four and a half years and for one year served as supervisor. He has at all times enjoyed the full confidence of the public, and no citizen of his section of the county is held in higher respect.

On the 10th of November, 1840, Mr. Barger was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Strayer, a native also of Virginia. When about eighteen years of age she accompanied her parents on their removal to

Logan county, Ohio, where they were among the early pioneers. Mr. and Mrs. Barger have had six children, namely: Frances, the wife of John Taylor, a farmer of Champaign county; Jennette, the wife of John C. Crain, a blacksmith in Michigan; and Mary Elizabeth, Margaret Hannah, John L. and Rosa Emma, deceased. In his social relations Mr. Barger is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 46, of Urbana, and also of its beneficiary auxiliary, and was formerly identified with the Grange. He is a prominent member of the old Concord church, in which he formerly had charge of the library, and he also assisted materially in the erection of its house of worship. He is now one of the oldest residents in this section of the state, and nearly his entire life has been spent in the interests of Champaign county.

SAMUEL ZIRKLE.

On the roll of Millerstown's respected and leading business men is found the name of Samuel Zirkle, who for a number of years has been connected with its mercantile and milling interests. He comes of one of the old colonial families of Virginia, and on the maternal side he is a relative of the famous Andrew Jackson. He was born in Mad River township, Champaign county, on the 27th of March, 1844, and is a son of Cornelius and Nancy (Jackson) Zirkle, both born and reared in Virginia. The former, who was born on the 12th of July, 1804, was a miller by trade, but after his removal to the Buckeye state, about 1825, he located on a farm of eighty acres in Mad River township, and thereafter gave his entire time to its cultivation and improvement. He was numbered among the prominent old pioneers of the locality. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Zirkle was celebrated in Virginia and they be-

came the parents of four children, namely: Herndon; Marguerite J., deceased; Cornelius, also deceased; and Samuel, of this review. With the exception of the eldest all were born in Champaign county. The mother of this family was called to her final rest in 1848, and two years afterward, in 1850, the father was again married, Mrs. Mary Smith becoming his wife. She, too, was born in Virginia, and was the widow of a Mr. Sargent. By his second marriage Mr. Zirkle became the father of five children,—Salvanus A., Theodore, John, Melvina and Catherine. The two last mentioned are now deceased, and all were born in Champaign county. The father continued to carry on the work of his farm in Mad River township until his life's labors were ended in death, passing away in the faith of the Lutheran church, of which he was a worthy and consistent member. His political support was given to the Democracy.

Samuel Zirkle, of this review, remained under the parental roof and gave to his father the benefit of his services until his marriage, when he was twenty-six years of age, after which he removed to a farm of his own in Mad River township, there remaining for about one year. His next home was in Johnson township, on which he remained for two years, for five years resided on the Solomon Snapp farm in Adams township, for a similar period maintained his residence on the George R. Kiser farm in Johnson township, and went thence to Millerstown, where in the fall of 1883 he purchased the mill which he still owns and operates. Since 1896 he has also been identified with the mercantile interests of that city, and in both departments of trade he is meeting with a well merited degree of success. He is a persevering, resolute business man and conducts all trade transactions with the strictest regard to the ethics of business life. His name has ever been synonymous with honorable dealing, and he has the unlimited confidence of all with whom he has come in contact.

On the 15th of December, 1870, Mr. Zirkle was united in marriage to Effie Groves, who was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, and was there reared and educated. Her parents were also natives of that county. This union has been brightened and blessed with two children,—Alfred C., who was born on the 9th of March, 1872, and is now the junior partner in the mercantile business; and Carry F., at home. In politics Mr. Zirkle is a Democrat, and at all times is true to his duties of citizenship. Socially he is a member of the Independent Order of Red Men at Millerstown.

A. H. MIDDLETON.

Numbered among the younger members of the medical profession in Champaign county is Dr. A. H. Middleton, a representative of prominent old pioneer families. His paternal grandfather was a native of the Old Dominion and was of English descent. In a very early day he left his southern home for the Buckeye state, locating first in Brown county and later came to Champaign county, where he was numbered among the early pioneers. He was a civil engineer by profession, and in connection therewith he also followed the tilling of the soil in this county.

John Middleton, the father of him whose name introduces this review, was born in Brown county, Ohio, and when ten years of age he accompanied his parents on their removal to Champaign county, and here his death occurred in 1880. He, too, followed the tilling of the soil, and in his political views was a stanch member of the Republican party, in which he was a prominent and active worker, and for many years served as a justice of the peace. He was also a prominent and worthy member of the Disciple church, and assisted in the erection of the church

of that denomination at Cable, while in his social relations he held membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary McCumber. She traced her nativity to the Empire state, but when young she was taken to Pennsylvania, and thence came to Ohio. Her death here occurred in 1897, when she had reached the age of sixty-seven years. Her father, who was of Scotch descent, was also one of the early pioneers of Champaign county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Middleton were born twelve children, nine sons and three daughters, all of whom grew to years of maturity and reared families of their own.

A. H. Middleton, the eleventh child and eighth son in the above family, was born in Wayne township, Champaign county, Ohio, January 24, 1863, and in the district school of the neighborhood he received his primary education. At the early age of sixteen years he entered the school room as an instructor, and for five years he followed the teacher's profession, and during that time, when nineteen years of age, he also began the study of medicine, under the preceptorship of Dr. H. C. Houston, of Urbana. At the age of twenty-one years he entered the homeopathic college of that city, in which institution he was graduated in 1887, and for the following three years he was engaged in the practice of his profession in Cable. In 1890 he removed to Springfield, Ohio, where he was engaged as a medical practitioner until 1896, while for the following four years he was stationed at Terre Haute, Champaign county, and since that time he has made his home at Cable and has here built up an extensive and lucrative patronage.

The marriage of Dr. Middleton was celebrated in 1888, when Miss Alice Baker became his wife. She was born in Mad River township, Champaign county, and is a daughter of A. R. and Rebecca (Weaver) Baker, prominent early settlers of that township. Mrs. Middleton attended the normal school at Urbana for a time, and afterward became

one of the successful teachers of the county. Unto this union have been born two sons,—Rollin and Harry. The Doctor is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Cable Lodge, No. 395, and of the Junior Order of American Mechanics at Terre Haute, while in political matters he gives a stanch and unwavering support to Republican principles.

WILLIAM WARD.

In almost all American communities there may be found quiet, retiring men, who never ask public office or appear prominent in public affairs, yet, nevertheless, they exert a widely felt influence in the communities in which they live and help to construct the proper foundation upon which the social and political world is built. Such a man is William Ward, who for many years has been an honored and respected citizen of Champaign county. Back to the Old Dominion must we turn in tracing his lineage. His father, James Ward, was born in that commonwealth, in Shenandoah county, and he was there reared to years of maturity When a young man he came to Champaign county, Ohio, and after his marriage he located on a farm in Johnson township, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying at the age of seventy-five years. He was a life-long farmer and was identified with the Democratic party. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Clem, was also a native of Virginia, but came with her parents to Champaign county, and here her death occurred at the age of eighty-two years.

William Ward, of this review, was the third in order of birth of his parents' children, and he was born in Johnson township, Champaign county, March 30, 1840. He was reared in the place of his nativity, and received his education in the district schools of Johnson and Adams

townships. He now owns a valuable farm of three hundred acres, located in those townships, and by industry and good management has brought his land under a high state of cultivation. In all his business transactions he has manifested keen discrimination, great energy and strict integrity, and these qualities have insured him prosperity. In the year 1863 occurred the marriage of Mr. Ward and Miss Rebecca Icher, a native of Adams township, Champaign county, and a member of an old and prominent pioneer family of this locality. This marriage has been blessed with nine living children, namely: Rosa, the wife of Valentine Body; Eliza, the wife of Elmer Smith; Ella, the wife of John Frank; Ollie E., the wife of Thomas Prince; Nettie, who married William Barnum; Lockey, the wife of Clyde Blackford; Caroline, at home; Abraham, who married Bertha Cooper; and William M., also at home. Mr. Ward gives his political support to the Democratic party, and his religious connections are with the United Brethren church, of which he is a worthy and valued member. Mr. and Mrs. Ward are sincerely admired and loved by those who have known them nearly a life time, and in peace and content they are passing the evening of life, surrounded by the comforts and luxuries which are the fruits of their former years of industry and good management.

FRANK A. ZIMMER.

Frank A. Zimmer, who is filling the position of prosecuting attorney in Champaign county, is a young man, but his ability does not seem limited by his years, as he has already won a reputation which many an older practitioner might well envy. He was born in St. Paris, this county, August 1, 1872, and is a son of George and Katherine (Sutter) Zimmer, both of whom were natives of Baden, Germany. When they

came to America they first lived in Cincinnati, but afterward removed to this county, taking up their abode in St. Paris, and there the father went into the bakery business, which he followed for many years, conducting both a bakery and confectionery business. He then lived in retirement to the time of his death. He was a good business man, enterprising and progressive, and though he began life in limited financial circumstances he steadily worked his way upward until he accumulated a comfortable competence. Mrs. Zimmer had engaged in teaching in the German fatherland and is a well educated lady, who still resides in St. Paris. In their family were six children, namely: Ernest G., a physician of Upland, Indiana; Mary, the wife of Charles Mitchell, of Springfield, Ohio; Emanuel R., a dentist in Upland; and Emma and Frederick, who reside in St. Paris with their mother.

The other member of the family is Frank A. Zimmer, who was the fifth in the order of birth. He was reared in St. Paris and in the schools of that town acquired his literary education. Subsequently he was employed for one year in the Phillips House at Dayton and later accepted a clerkship in a dry goods establishment at Sidney, Ohio. He afterward pursued a business course in the commercial college at Springfield, following which he engaged in teaching in the Oak Grove school for one year. Continuing his educational work, he was for five years a teacher in the high school at Urbana, and during that time engaged in the study of law, which he continued in the Ohio State University, completing the course in 1899.

In October of that year Mr. Zimmer was admitted to the bar and formed a partnership with Charles E. Buroker, of St. Paris. They opened a law office in Urbana as well as in St. Paris and Mr. Zimmer still continues in the former. In April, 1890, he was nominated on the Republican ticket for the office of county prosecuting attorney, and

in the following November was elected for a term of three years, entering upon the duties of the office January 7, 1901.

On the 17th of October, 1901, Mr. Zimmer was joined in wedlock to Miss Nellie W. Grove, a daughter of S. B. Grove, the present auditor of Champaign county. Socially he is connected with the Masonic order, Knights of Pythias fraternity and with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He is also secretary of the Ohio State Prosecuting Attorneys Association and in the line of his profession has won distinction and will undobtedly win greater success in the future.

JASON KIZER.

Among the pioneer families of Champaign county was the one of which our subject is a representative. His grandfather, Joseph Kizer, was born in the Shenandoah valley, Virginia, but as early as 1812 he came to Ohio, locating on the farm on which our subject now resides, and there he spent the remainder of his life and was buried in the old family burying ground on the farm. He cleared and partly improved one hundred and sixty acres of land. In the place of his nativity he was united in marriage to Katherine Comer, also a native of the Old Dominion, and they became the parents of eight children, seven sons and a daughter, of whom Charles Kizer, the father of our subject, was the fifth son in order of birth.

The latter was born on the old homestead in Champaign county on the 28th of January, 1818, and there spent his entire life. After his father's death he purchased the interests of the remaining heirs, and as the years passed by he succeeded in completing in a large measure the work which his father had begun. In 1839 he married Hannah Hamback, and she, too, was a native of Champaign county, where she was

also reared and educated. Her father, Louis Hamback, was born in Berks county, Virginia, and was there married to a Miss Norman, by whom he had five children. This family were also among the early pioneers of Champaign county. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Kizer was blessed with nine children, as follows: Barbara Kenton; Elizabeth B., deceased; Ellen Blair; Jason; Mary Ammons; Lydia, deceased; Harriet Foster; John, deceased; and George, also deceased. All were born on the old homestead in this county. Mr. Kizer gave his political support to the Democrat party, and religiously was a member of the Reformed church at Millerstown, he having assisted in the erection of its house of worship there.

Jason Kizer, whose name introduces this review, was also born on the old Kizer homestead in Champaign county, his natal day being April 2, 1845. After his father's death he became the owner of this valuable old farm, on which he has placed many substantial improvements. In 1885 he left the home of his birth and removed to Miami county, this state, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of improved land, on which he made his home for twelve years. He then returned to the old farm in Champaign county. On the 22d of April, 1869, he was united in marriage to Ellen McMorran, a native of Johnson township, this county, and a daughter of Christian and Sarah (Loudenbach) McMorran, prominent early settlers of Champaign county. Four children have blessed this marriage,—Asa C., Charles C., Wilber C. and David P., but the first born is now deceased. The Democratic party receives Mr. Kizer's active support and co-operation, and while residing in Miami county he served as a school director for six years. In his social relations he is a member of the Grange. The family hold membership in the Reformed church. They enjoy the hospitality of many of the best homes of Champaign county, and their circle of friends is almost co-extensive with their circle of acquaintances.

R. H. PICKERING.

The deserved reward of a well spent life is an honored retirement from business, in which to enjoy the fruits of former toil. To-day, after a useful and beneficial career, Mr. Pickering is quietly living at his pleasant home in Rosewood, surrounded by the comfort that earnest labor has brought him. He is a prominent citizen of the community and has borne his part in the upbuilding and development of Adams township.

Mr. Pickering was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, December 7, 1824. His paternal grandfather, William Pickering, was born in the land of the shamrock, but when a young man he crossed the Atlantic to America and took up his abode in Rockingham county, Virginia. He was there married to a Miss Woodley, and in the Old Dominion he spent the remainder of his life. William Pickering, the father of our subject, was born and reared in that commonwealth, and in 1839 he came to Adams township, Champaign county, Ohio. For a companion on the journey of life he chose Martha Cowen, also a native of Rockingham county, Virginia, and a daughter of Henry Cowen, who was supposed to be of German birth. Mr. and Mrs. Pickering became the parents of six children, all of whom grew to years of maturity and were married.

R. H. Pickering, the only living representative of this once large family, was about twelve years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Adams township, Champaign county, and in its primitive schools of that day he received the educational advantages which he was permitted to enjoy in his youth. At the age of twenty-one years he began working for wages, and for the following seven years he was engaged in the work of constructing pike roads and in clearing land. On the expiration of that period he had saved sufficient means to purchase a quarter section of land in Adams township, which he cleared and improved, and as the years have passed by he has added to his orig-

inal purchase until he is now the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of rich and productive land. His life is indeed a success, but all his achievements are the result of patient effort, unflagging industry and perseverance. In 1899 he retired from the farm and in now spending his time in ease and quiet at his pleasant home in Rosewood, surrounded by the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

In the year 1862 Mr. Pickering was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Jane Archer, a native of Logan county, Ohio, of which locality her paternal grandfather was one of the first settlers. She is a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Scraway) Archer, the latter a native of Indiana. They became the parents of twelve children, Mrs. Pickering being the eighth in order of birth. The marriage of our subject and wife has been blessed with one son, Byron, who now carries on the work of the old Pickering homestead. The character and position of our subject illustrate most clearly the fact that if a young man be possessed of the proper attributes of mind and heart he can unaided attain to a position of precedence and gain for himself a place among the men of ability and worth in his community.

HON. CLARENCE B. HEISERMAN.

No compendium such as the province of this work defines in its essential limitations will serve to offer fit memorial to the life and accomplishments of the honored subject of this sketch,—a man remarkable in the breadth of his wisdom, in his indomitable perseverance, his strong individuality, and yet one whose entire life has not one esoteric phase, being an open scroll, inviting the closest scrutiny. True, his have been "massive deeds and great" in one sense, and yet his entire life accomplishment but represents the result of the fit utilization of the innate talent

which is his, and the directing of his efforts in these lines where mature judgment and rare discrimination lead the way. There is in Judge Heiserman a weight of character, a native sagacity, a far-seeing judgment and a fidelity of purpose that commands the respect of all. A man of indefatigable enterprise and fertility of resource, he has carved his name deeply on the record of the political, commercial and professional history of the state, which owes much of its advancement to his efforts.

Hon. Clarence Benjamin Heiserman is a native of Urbana, Ohio, born September 18, 1862, his parents being Aaron and Maria L. (Stuart) Heiserman, the former of German and the latter of Scotch descent. The father was born in Mahoning county, Ohio, a son of Goetlebb Heiserman, who came from Germany to America accompanied by his wife and several children. He took up his abode in Mahoning county near New Lisbon, in 1825, and five years later removed to Crawford county, Ohio, where he purchased a farm, residing thereon until 1865. In that year he removed to Iowa, where he remained until his death.

Aaron Heiserman was the youngest of his parents' children and the only one of them born in America. He lived with his parents on the home farm until he reached his majority and in the meantime learned the carriage making trade. When he started out in life on his own account he began working at that trade, and in 1858 secured a position in that line in Urbana. A few years later he became proprietor of a carriage manufactory and built up a large business. He was rapidly accumulating wealth when about 1879 a disastrous fire occurred and destroyed his factory and stock, which being uninsured largely crippled him financially. However, he possessed much energy and determination and his activity was not slackened. After the fire, however, his time and attention were devoted to another pursuit, that of contracting and building, in which he met with a fair degree of success, carrying on opera-

tions along that line of business until 1893. He was esteemed for his many excellent traits of character and honored for his genuine worth. In politics he was a Republican and he lived a consistent Christian life, as a member of the Methodist church. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Maria L. Stuart, was born in Urbana in 1838, a daughter of Isaac and Catherine (Dickey) Stuart, the former a native of New York and the latter of Pennsylvania. Her father was an early settler of Champaign county, where he took up his abode in 1838 and here in Urbana he operated a woolen mill for several years. In 1866 he removed to Indiana, where he spent his remaining days. His ancestors had come to America during the colonial epoch in our country's history and settled in Massachusetts, while later they removed to Saratoga Springs, New York. The grandfather of Mrs. Heiserman served in the war of 1812. Mrs. Heiserman still survives her husband and is yet residing in the city of her birth. By her marriage she became the mother of five children, one of whom died at the age of six years. The living are: Clarence B., of this review; Edgar Stuart, a merchant of Springfield, Ohio; Mary Bertha, a teacher in the public schools of Urbana; and Ralph L., a student. The mother is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Urbana and her many sterling qualities of heart and mind have endeared her to a large circle of friends.

Clarence B. Heiserman was born and reared in the city which he yet makes his home, and in the public schools here acquired his early education, being graduated in the high school in 1879 when seventeen years of age. In the fall of 1880 he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware and was graduated from that institution in 1884, after completing the full college course. He won the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and spent the two succeeding years as a teacher in the high school of Urbana, during which time he devoted his leisure hours to the reading of law under the direction of the Hon. George M. Eichelberger, one of

the ablest lawyers of the Ohio bar. He resigned his position as a teacher in order to enter the law office of Mr. Eichelberger and for one year gave his entire time to the mastery of the principles of jurisprudence. Passing a successful examination before the supreme court at Columbus, he was admitted to the bar in December, 1887, and at once began practice alone in his native city, although for a year his office was in connection with that of his former preceptor. Later he entered into partnership with the Hon. E. E. Cheney. In 1889 Mr. Heiserman was elected as the Republican candidate to the office of prosecuting attorney of Champaign county and discharged his duties so successfully that he was re-elected in 1892. His excellent service in the office was appreciated by the people and enlarged the boundaries of his usefulness, so that in 1894 he was called by popular suffrage of the people to preside in the court of common pleas for the second subdivision of the second judicial district, to which position he was elected in November of that year. He then resigned the office of prosecuting attorney to accept the new position, his incumbency continuing for five years. He was one of the youngest men ever chosen to the office of common pleas judge in Ohio, but being a careful student of the law and well grounded in its fundamental principles he discharged his duties with notable capability, and to the satisfaction of the public, as was manifest in his re-election in 1899 for a second term. After two years had passed he resigned on the 5th of September, 1901, having three more years to serve. He left the office, however, to accept the position of solicitor for the Pennsylvania railroad lines west of Pittsburg of the sixth division,—a position made vacant by the death of the Hon. Frank Chance. In connection with his duties in this regard Judge Heiserman resumed the general practice of law. During the years of his professional career he has gained a most excellent reputation, both at the bar and on the bench, and in every position which he has been called upon to fill he has served with marked credit and ability. He is a man

of judicial cast. His decisions indicated strong mentality, careful analysis, a thorough knowledge of law and an unbiased judgment. The judge on the bench fails more frequently, perhaps, from a deficiency in that broad-mindedness which not only comprehends the details of a situation quickly, but that insures a complete self-control under even the most exasperating conditions, than from any other cause; and the judge who makes a success in the discharge of his multitudinous delicate duties is a man of well-rounded character, finely-balanced mind and of splendid intellectual attainments. That Judge Heiserman was regarded as such a jurist is a uniformly accepted fact.

In October, 1890, Judge Heiserman was married to Miss Lillian M. Brown, of South Charleston, Ohio, and their home is brightened by the presence of a little son, Robert Brown, now four years of age. The parents hold membership in the First Methodist Episcopal church, and the Judge is serving as a member of the official board and has been superintendent of the Sunday-school for the past six years, taking a very active part in all branches of the church work. Fraternally he is connected with Champaign Lodge, No. 525, F. & A. M., and Urbana Chapter, No. 34, R. A. M. Politically he has ever maintained an unflagging interest in the welfare of the Republican party and socially he is one of the most companionable of men; is unassuming and courteous in manner; is a good conversationalist, and equally as good a listener.

MARTIN B. SAXBE.

Among those who have honored Champaign county by efficient service in important public office is the subject of this sketch, who was formerly incumbent of the office of sheriff and who is a member of

one of the stanch pioneer families of the county, where he is known as one of the progressive farmers and representative citizens.

Martin Bowen Saxbe was born on the old homestead, in Union township, Champaign county, on the 14th of March, 1855, being a son of Thomas Saxbe, who was born in England and who severed the ties which bound him to home and native land and as a mere boy of thirteen years emigrated to America, paying his passage by working on the vessel on which he made the voyage, and landing in New York City in due course of time. There he grew to maturity and there married Miss Lucy Bowen, who was born in the state of New York. They removed to Champaign county in the early days, and here the father was engaged in farming until his death, in 1860, our subject being about five years of age at the time. The mother survived him by many years, passing away at the age of about three score years and ten. Of their five children three grew to years of maturity, our subject having been the fourth in order of birth. Thus deprived of a father's care in his early boyhood, Martin B. Saxbe was early thrown on his own resources, working for his board on various farms in the locality and attending the district schools as opportunity afforded. His life was thus far from auspicious in its conditions in his boyhood days, but he early developed that self-reliance and sturdy independence which have been the conservators of his success and which have combined with an inflexible integrity to gain and retain to him the highest measure of confidence and esteem. Mr. Saxbe worked at farming in this county until he had attained years of maturity, and also became quite expert at the carpenter's trade. He finally went to Livingston county, New York, where he followed this trade about four months, at the expiration of which he returned to Champaign county and engaged in farming, taking charge of the farm of his stepfather, Warren Freeman, and thus continuing to devote his attention to agricultural pursuits until his election to the office of sheriff, in 1888, when he took up

his residence in Urbana. He was chosen as his own successor in 1890, and served for another term of two years, and then served as deputy sheriff under R. N. Miller for three years and nine months, when he resigned. At this time Governor Bushnell conferred upon him the position of captain of the day guard of the Ohio state penitentiary, at Columbus, an incumbency which he retained for four years. Mr. Saxbe then returned to Champaign county and took up his residence on the farm which he now owns and occupies, the same being located in section 14, Urbana township, and comprising one hundred and sixty acres of finely improved land, the greater portion of which is under a high state of cultivation, while he also devotes no little attention to the raising of live stock of the best grade. Mr. Saxbe is a thoroughly capable and progressive business man, and his success is the more gratifying to contemplate when we advert to the fact that it is entirely the result of his own efforts. He started out as a poor boy, his advantages were extremely limited, and yet he has not only overcome the obstacles which beset his path, but has gained a high reputation as a man of ability and indubitable probity, his discharge of his official duties bringing to him the maximum commendation, while in his business enterprises he has shown the same fidelity and has followed a straightforward course at all times. He has been a stalwart supporter of the Republican party from the time of attaining his majority, and prior to his election to the office of sheriff, and while residing in Union township, he served as a member of the constabulary of the county. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, and both he and his wife are members of Grace church, in the city of Urbana. Fraternally he is identified with Harmony Lodge, No. 8, A. F. & A. M., of that city. In addition to his farming interests Mr. Saxbe is the owner of the Palace Hotel, at Urbana, and is a stockholder in the Urbana National Bank, of whose directorate he was a member until his removal to Columbus. He was

at one time interested in a shoe business in Mechanicsburg, and at the present time is associated with his son Harry M. in the electric-light contracting business, the firm having taken contracts for the installation of a number of excellent lighting plants in this section of the state, and having made the enterprise one of importance.

Mr. Saxbe has been twice married. His first union was solemnized in 1875, when Miss Bettie J. Woody became his wife. She died leaving four children,—Harry M., Nettie B., Lydia S. and Joseph W. On the 21st of November, 1895, Mr. Saxbe was united in marriage to Miss Mary Staub, who was born in Greenville, Illinois, the daughter of John W. and Susan (Black) Staub, being the youngest of their three children. Her mother died when she was but eleven months of age and she was reared in the home of her uncle. Mr. and Mrs. Saxbe are the parents of two children,—Howard M. and Marvin.

JONAS LOUDENBACK.

Jonas Loudenback is one of the old and prominent settlers of Mad River township and it was here that his birth occurred, his natal day being January 29, 1816. His father, Daniel Loudenback, was born in Page county, Virginia, October 2, 1786, and when a young man came to Champaign county, Ohio, being one of the first settlers within its borders. He was married in Mad River township and took up his abode in the midst of the green woods, where he built a log cabin and lived in true pioneer style. Venison furnished many a meal for the early settlers, for deer were very plentiful. There were many wild animals and Indians were numerous in the neighborhood. He died in his eighty-ninth year in the faith of the Baptist church, of which he had long been a member. His

political support was given to the Democracy. His father was of German descent and died in Virginia. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Mary Pence and was also a native of the Old Dominion, whence she came to Champaign county during her girlhood days. Her father, Abraham Pence, was one of the early settlers of the county and established his home in the midst of the forest, where he developed a farm. Mrs. Loudenback reached a very advanced age, passing away in her ninety-sixth year. By her marriage she became the mother of two sons and two daughters: Allen; Sarah; Betsey, the wife of William Baker, of Shelby county; and Jonas, of this review.

Our subject was the second son and third child. He was born in a little log cabin in which his parents lived in Mad River township, and was educated in a log school house, seated with slab seats and supplied with other primitive furniture. During the summer months he assisted in the work of the fields, aiding in the plowing, planting and harvesting. In 1837 he was united in marriage to Phœbe Jenkins and unto them were born two children, but both are now deceased. The mother also passed away and for his second wife Mr. Loudenback chose Susan Snyder. Unto them were born three children: David, the eldest, was born in Mad River township, March 3, 1843, was reared upon his father's farm and pursued his education in the common schools. He married and has five children living: Edgar and Edna; Walter, who married Daisy Adlar, of Westville; Frank and Wilbur. Carrie, sister of David, died at the age of three years. Mary Jane, youngest of her father's three children, is the wife of Arthur Pence, of Shelby county, Ohio, and they were the parents of eleven children, of whom four are deceased. Those still living are Webster, James W., Edward, Walter, Hattie, Susan and Daisy. Sarah became the wife of Isaac Smith and died leaving six children: Susan, Earl, Ernest, Carrie, now deceased, Willard and Burton.

In the year of his marriage Mr. Loudenback located on a farm where he now resides. He is one of the oldest early settlers of the township, having passed the eighty-sixth milestone on life's journey. Both he and his wife are members of the Baptist church, with which they have long been connected, and he has always been a supporter of the Democratic party, his first vote having been cast for Martin Van Buren in 1837, when he was twenty-one years of age. He has never failed to vote at a presidential election since that time. Throughout his entire business career he has carried on farming, and as the years have passed he has made the most of his opportunities. Now, in his declining days, he can look back without regret and forward to the future without fear, for his has been an honorable and upright life, winning for him the esteem and confidence of his fellow men. He has witnessed almost the entire growth and development of the county, has seen it mature from primitive conditions to take its place among leading counties of the commonwealth; has seen its wild lands transformed into beautiful homes and farms and at all times has borne his part in the work of progress and improvement, and well does he deserve to be numbered among the pioneer residents of Champaign county.

EBENEZER WILSON.

Man's usefulness in the world is judged by the good that he has done, and determined by this standard of measurement Ebenezer Wilson occupies a position among the most prominent citizens of Champaign county. His life has been noble and upright, one over which falls no shadow of wrong; and long after he shall have passed away his memory will remain as a blessed benediction to those who knew him.

A native of this county, being born in Harrison township, March 10, 1821, he has passed his entire life in this county with the exception of a few months, and is therefore well known to his neighbors, and during all these years he has steadily maintained his high character. His paternal grandfather, Miles Wilson, was a native of Virginia, but in an early day removed to Washington county, Pennsylvania, there locating on a farm, where he died shortly after his arrival. His son, Joseph Wilson, became the father of our subject. He was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1792, and was there married to Eleanor Fullerton, also a native of that commonwealth. Shortly after marriage they came to Champaign county, Ohio, in 1817, locating on one hundred and sixty acres of land in Harrison township, which he cleared and improved, and there he was engaged in farming and stock-raising until his life's labors were ended in death. In political matters he supported the Whig party until the nomination of Fremont, and from that time on was a stanch Republican. Mrs. Wilson was called to her final rest in 1832, passing away in Champaign county, after becoming the mother of eight children. In the following year, in 1833, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Amanda Spencer, by whom he had seven children, of whom four are now living, and our subject was the third child of the first family. The father passed to his final reward in August, 1866, after a long and useful career.

Ebenezer Wilson, of this review, was about twenty-one years of age when he entered upon the battle of life on his own account, working as a farm laborer from August until the following April. For the next two years he farmed on rented land on Buck creek, south of Urbana, and from that time until November, 1853, he resided on rented farms in Salem and Harrison townships, since which time he has occupied his present place. From early morn until dewy eve he worked to clear and develop his land, and in the course of time his labors were rewarded

with bounteous harvests. He has experienced all the trials and hardships of pioneer life, but at length his efforts have been crowned with success and there has come to him a handsome property as the reward of his labors. As the years have passed by he has added to his original purchase of one hundred and thirty acres until his landed possessions now consist of two hundred and seventy-five acres, all of which is under an excellent state of cultivation, and the many and substantial improvements thereon stand as monuments to his thrift and ability.

In Salem township, in 1847, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Lucinda Muzzy, a native daughter of Champaign county, and here she has spent her entire life. Her father was a native of Vermont and her mother of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have had nine children, namely: Eleanor, Horace and Joseph, deceased; Henry P. and Jennie, at home; Frank, Lucinda and Mary, also deceased; and Nellie, at home. All were born in Champaign county. The family are members of the Presbyterian church at Urbana, in which they are earnest and efficient workers. Politically Mr. Wilson affiliates with the Republican party, and for eight years he was the efficient infirmary director, while for a long period he has held other township offices. Wherever known he is held in high regard, and in Champaign county, where his entire life has been passed, he has a host of warm friends.

JOHN C. NORMAN.

One of the prominent and successful agriculturists of Champaign county is the gentleman whose name introduces this paragraph and who is a representative of one of the sterling pioneer families of this section of the old Buckeye commonwealth. His finely improved farm-

stead is located in Johnson township and gives unmistakable evidence of the energy, discrimination and progressive methods which have been brought to bear by the enterprising owner, who has clearly demonstrated that it is possible to make farming a distinctively successful and profitable business enterprise.

Mr. Norman was born on a farm in Concord township, this county, on the 22d of January, 1843, being the son of Gabriel Norman, who was born in the same township, on the 6th of June, 1814, the son of Christian Norman, who was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, prior to the segregation of Page county from the same, and there he was reared to maturity. There he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Zimmerman, and there occurred the birth of one of their children, Savilla, who was about one year old at the time when they emigrated to Ohio and became numbered among the earliest settlers of Champaign county. They came here about the year 1805, and located in the virgin forests of Concord township, where the grandfather of our subject took up a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of government land, clearing the same and making improvements, including the eventual erection of a brick house, one of the first of the sort in this section. Christian and Mary Norman became the parents of nine children, all of whom were born in this county with the exception of the eldest, to whom reference has already been made, the names of the children being as follows: Savilla, Benjamin, Leanna, Sarah, Gabriel, Betsy, Lemuel, Lydia and one who died in infancy. All are now deceased. The father was a wagonmaker by trade, but devoted the greater portion of his life to agricultural pursuits and was one of the honored pioneers of this county, to whose early development he contributed a due quota.

Gabriel Norman, the father of our subject, was born on the old homestead in Concord township, and was there reared to the sturdy discipline of the pioneer farm, early beginning to aid in the work of

reclamation and cultivation and receiving such educational advantages as were afforded in the primitive log school houses of the pioneer epoch. Upon attaining his legal majority he gave inception to his independent career, engaging in farming in his native township and there establishing a home. On the 24th of November, 1839, he was united in marriage to Rebecca Brubaker, who was born in this county, July 12, 1821, and who has here passed her entire life, having now attained a venerable age and retaining the affection of a wide circle of friends. Her husband passed away November 17, 1899, at the advanced age of eighty-five years, five months and eleven days. They became the parents of six children, namely: Harriet, who is deceased; John C., who is the subject of this sketch; Mary E., who resides in Millerstown; Samuel B., who is deceased; L. Monroe, who is a resident of Millerstown; and Clara Etta, who is deceased. Gabriel Norman was originally an old-line Whig in his political proclivities, but he identified himself with the Republican party at the time of its organization and ever afterward was a stalwart advocate of its principles and policies, having never missed casting his vote at a presidential election from the time of attaining his majority until his death. He was a man who commanded unequivocal confidence and esteem, was strong in his convictions and was one who achieved success through his own efforts, while he will long be remembered as one of the worthy citizens of the county where he passed his long and useful life.

John C. Norman, to whom this sketch is dedicated, was reared on the parental farmstead, in Concord township, in whose public schools he received his educational training, so profiting by the advantages afforded as to become eligible for teaching. For five years he was a successful and popular teacher in the district schools of Adams and Johnson townships, and he made an excellent record in connection with his pedagogic

work. He had devoted one year to farming in his native township, and in 1868 he located in Millerstown, this county, where he engaged in the mercantile business, conducting a general store and successfully continuing the enterprise until 1886, when he disposed of the same and located on his present farm, which comprises sixty acres and which has the best of improvements and is under a fine state of cultivation.

Mr. Norman has taken an abiding interest in all that concerns the well-being of his county and state, and he has been one of the prominent supporters of the Republican party here, having been for ten years a member of the county central committee. He has been secretary of the Spring Grove Cemetery Association from the time of its organization and for about eighteen years he has been a member of the directorate of the First National Bank of St. Paris. He holds the unqualified confidence of the people of the community and has been called upon to serve as administrator of several estates, being known as a man of marked business capacity and inflexible integrity in all the relations of life. His home farm is but a small portion of his landed estate in the county, for he is the owner of four hundred and twenty-seven acres and the greater portion of the same is under most effective cultivation, the farms receiving his personal supervision and yielding excellent returns.

On the 17th of March, 1868, in Concord township, Mr. Norman was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Pence, who was born in this county and here reared and educated. Her father, the late Jonathan Pence, was a native of Concord township, this county and was a son of David Pence, who came from Virginia to Ohio and became one of the first settlers in Champaign county. The mother of Mrs. Norman bore the maiden name of Mahala Comer, and she likewise was born in this county, a representative of another of the prominent pioneer families. Mrs. Norman was the only child. Our subject and his wife have had two children, namely: Maude, born May 15, 1873, who is the wife of McClellan Frank, a suc-

cessful farmer of Concord township; and Charles, who was born June 28, 1876, and died on the 22d of the following November. They have one grandchild, John Warren Norman, born July 8, 1890.

WILLIAM H. WILSON.

A man's life work is the measure of his success, and he is the most truly successful man who, turning his powers into the channel of an honorable purpose, accomplishes the object of his endeavor. The subject of this review is one of that sterling class of men whose attention is devoted to the agricultural industry, and he has contributed to the development and advancement of his native county, as did also his father and grandfather before him, from which fact it may be inferred that our subject is a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Champaign county.

William Hamilton Wilson was born in Harrison township, this county, on the 27th of February, 1851, being the son of Andrew Wilson, who likewise was a native of the county, having been born in Urbana township in the year 1813. When he was three years of age his parents removed to Harrison township, but about a year later they returned to Urbana township, and he has ever since maintained his home on his present farm, having now attained the venerable age of eighty-eight years. His father, William Wilson, was born in Ireland, whence he came with his parents to America when about thirteen years of age, the family locating in Virginia, from which state he came to Ohio in the early pioneer epoch, locating in Champaign county, where he passed the remainder of his life, as did also his wife, whose maiden name was Rebecca Humphrey, she also having come from Ireland with her parents

when about three years of age. Andrew Wilson married Elizabeth J. Wright, who was born in Virginia and who came with her parents to Ohio when about fourteen years of age. She died at the age of sixty-four years, having been a noble and devoted woman. Her father, Benjamin Wright, was likewise born in Virginia, where the family was established in the colonial period of our national history. Andrew and Elizabeth J. Wilson became the parents of four sons and six daughters, all but one of whom attained years of maturity, the subject of this sketch having been the third in order of birth. He was reared to the discipline of the farm and is indebted to the district schools for the early educational advantages which came to his portion in his boyhood days, and this was supplemented by a thorough course in the normal school at Urbana, where he ably qualified himself for pedagogic work, devoting his attention to teaching for a period of fourteen years and being very successful in this profession, his entire career as a teacher having been in connection with the schools of only four districts, showing that his services and abilities were duly appreciated.

On the 24th of August, 1876, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Tillie Heath, who was born in Concord township, this county, on the 31st of December, 1858, being the daughter of James W. and Nancy Heath, who were early settlers in the county. Mrs. Wilson was educated in the schools of this county and is a talented artist, having produced many attractive pictures in both oils and water-colors. Our subject and his wife have no children.

Mr. Wilson continued to reside in Harrison township until 1892, when he removed to Concord township, where he was engaged in farming until 1895, when he removed to Marion county, Kansas, where he made his home about three years, then returning to Concord township, Champaign county, where he purchased the old homestead of his father-in-law, of which he disposed in 1901, and then purchased his present fine

farmstead, of eighty acres, in Urbana township, the place being equipped with the best of permanent improvements and being under a high state of cultivation. Mr. Wilson is progressive and discriminating in his methods, and thus secures the best possible results from his farm, which is one of the attractive places of this section. In politics he has given an unequivocal support to the Republican party from the time of attaining his majority, and he was twice elected to the office of trustee of Concord township, while for two years he served as assessor of Harrison township. Fraternally he is identified with West Liberty Lodge, No. 96, I. O. O. F.

JONATHAN S. NEER.

On the roll of Champaign county's respected and leading citizens is found the name of Jonathan S. Neer, who for many years has been actively connected with the agricultural interests of Goshen township. He was born in Clark county, Ohio, March 25, 1851, and his father Joseph C. Neer, was also a native of that county. In 1868 the latter took up his abode in Champaign county, and in the following spring he located on a farm in Goshen township, where he made his home until about 1884. In that year he left his Ohio home and went to Kentucky, but after a residence in that state of seven years he returned to his former home. His death occurred on the 25th of May, 1902. He was a successful farmer, a life-long member of the Methodist Protestant church; a loyal soldier and a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and he passed into eternal rest while attending the memorial services at Mechanicsburg. While yet a resident of Clark county Mr. Neer was united in marriage to Dorothy Smith. Her father, James Smith, came from Pennsylvania to the Buckeye state in a very early day, locating on a farm in

Pleasant township. J. C. Neer's mother, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Coffey, was the first white female child born in Pleasant township, Clark county, the date of her nativity being May 29, 1808. Her death occurred on the 16th of August, 1887. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Neer were born eight children, five sons and three daughters, namely: Jonathan S., the subject of this review; Maggie, who is still unmarried; Charles, deceased; Frank, deceased: Albert K., who resides in Mechanicsburg; Fred, also of Champaign county; Maud, at home; and Mettie, the wife of J. E. Whitemore, of Tawas City, Michigan.

Jonathan S. Neer was but seventeen years of age when he came with his parents to Champaign county, and in addition to attending the district schools of Clark and Champaign counties he was also a student in the Lebanon Normal School for a time. After putting aside his text-books to engage in the active duties of life he chose the occupation to which he had been reared, and throughout his life has followed the tilling of the soil. After farming for a time on rented land he accumulated sufficient means to purchase a tract of one hundred and seventy acres in Goshen township and as the years passed by he has added to his original purchase until he is now the owner of a valuable homestead of two hundred acres, located in the eastern part of Goshen township. In addition to the raising of cereals best adapted to this soil and climate he is also extensively engaged in the dairy business, usually keeping about thirty cows, and he makes a specialty of this branch of industry.

Mr. Neer was married on the 28th of October, 1875, to Emma Darling, of Mechanicsburg. She is a daughter of I. S. and Sarah (Riddle) Darling, respected old settlers of Champaign county. Prior to her marriage she was a prominent and successful school teacher in Mechanicsburg for four years. Six children have come to brighten and bless their home, namely: Ethel, who was born October 14, 1877, and Dorothy, born May 25, 1879, are both preparing for the nurse's profession in a

training school in Cincinnati; Frank, born July 19, 1882, died May 24, 1890; Charles, born April 3, 1884, is a member of the Mechanicsburg high school; Alice F., born June 25, 1891, is at home; and Dorris, the youngest of the family, was born November 8, 1894. Mr. Neer gives his political support to the Prohibition party and is very active in its work. He is also an active worker for the cause of education, having served as president of the school board for many years, and he has served also as president of the Farmers Institute at Mechanicsburg. His social relations connect him with the Knights of Honor, and religiously he is a member of the Methodist Protestant church.

DAVID O'BRINE, M. D.

Dr. O'Brine, one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Urbana, was born in the southwest of Ireland, November 17, 1849, his parents being Michael and Mary (Dillon) O'Brine, who emigrated to the United States when the Doctor was only a young child. For fifteen or twenty years the father was engaged in superintending the construction of public works, mainly of railroad bridges, and finally he located not far from Lansing, Michigan, upon a farm. The Doctor was then about sixteen or seventeen years of age. Prior to this time he had received fair educational advantages, in Troy, New York, and in Bellevue, Huron county, Ohio. After the removal to the farm he assisted in its care and cultivation until about twenty-four years of age, devoting his time through the winter months to the teaching of country schools of Michigan. At the age of twenty-four he came to Ohio and taught one term of school near London, Mason county. He then went to the Ohio Central Normal school at Worthington, where he was graduated in 1876. He afterward

accepted a position of professor of natural science, remaining in that institution for a year and then resigned. He was superintendent of the schools at Canal Winchester for one year and then entered the state university of Ohio in the fall of 1877. After the first year he managed to make his expenses for his collegiate course by teaching in the university and was graduated there in 1881 with the degree of bachelor of science. In 1882 he took a post-graduate course in the university receiving the degree of E. M. The following year, upon examination, he was made master of science by Adrain College, Michigan. For ten years he occupied the position of assistant professor of chemistry in the Ohio State University and won the degree of M. D. from the Columbus, now the Starling, Medical College of Columbus, Ohio. This was in 1885. On examination and the presentation of a thesis, the University of Wooster conferred upon him the degree of doctor of science. On leaving the Ohio State University he accepted the position of professor of chemistry and geology in the Agricultural College of Colorado, but later resigned for the purpose of spending a year in the study of medicine and chemistry in Europe, being in Berlin the greater part of that time. He is the author of a valuable work on chemistry entitled "A Laboratory Guide in Chemical Analysis," which was published by Wiley & Son of New York in 1888. This work is now being used as a text book in some of the best educational institutions of the country.

While in Colorado Dr. O'Brine made a valuable analysis of soils, referred to in a recent bulletin from the Agricultural Experiment Station of the Agricultural College of Colorado. While abroad the Doctor visited many hospitals in the cities of Europe and entered the Berlin University, where he took a course in surgery under Von Bergerman, a very noted physician and surgeon of that country. To some extent he had practiced medicine in Colorado, being frequently called in consultation. His study abroad made him especially well prepared for the profession and

locating in Urbana in 1894 he opened an office and has since risen to a position of distinction. As a medical and surgical practitioner of this state he now has a large and lucrative practice which is an indication of his superior skill.

In 1888 the Doctor was united in marriage to Miss Cinda Weaver, of Columbus, who at that time was a teacher of Latin and algebra in the high school of the capital city. The Doctor is a prominent Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. It would be almost tautological in this connection to enter into any series of statements as showing the Doctor to be a man of broad and general culture, information and public spirit, for these have been shadowed forth between the lines of this review. The acquirement of his education largely through his own efforts indicated the elemental strength of his character. As an educator he steadily advanced until he ranks among those whose fame is not of a local character. In the medical fraternity he has won distinction which cannot be gained through purchase, influence or inheritance but comes as a direct result of superior knowledge, skill and zealous devotion to the calling.

SIMEON D. FAIRCHILD.

Simeon D. Fairchild, who for many years occupied a very conspicuous place among the leading business men of Champaign county, was born near Woodstock, on the farm on which his widow now resides, on the 8th of August, 1837. His boyhood days were passed in the usual manner of farmer lads of that period, and he obtained a good practical education in the public schools of the locality. After his marriage he located on a farm near Woodstock and there spent the remainder of his life. Throughout his active career he was prominently connected with

the industrial interests of the county, and his course was that of an honorable, enterprising and progressive business man, whose well rounded character also enabled him to take an active interest in educational, social and moral affairs and to keep well informed concerning the momentous questions affecting the welfare of the nation. He was honored with many prominent official positions, among which may be mentioned those of vice-president of the Central Ohio Fair Association, president of the Woodstock Building & Loan Association and also president of the Library Association of the same city. In 1874, in company with another gentleman, he went abroad to purchase horses, but on the return trip, the voyage being extremely rough for days and he having a weak heart, the action of the vessel intensified the weakness, and seven days after leaving port his life's labors were ended in death. He passed away on the 27th of September, 1874, and his remains were buried at sea. A prominent representative of industrial interests, a popular factor in social life, a faithful friend, a kind husband and a consistent Christian, he left behind him an untarnished record.

On the 24th of February, 1859, Mr. Fairchild was united in marriage to Eliza A. Burnham, a daughter of Jacob Burnham and a granddaughter of Eliphas Burnham. The family is of English descent and was founded in this country by three brothers, who after their arrival on American soil located in New England. Eliphas Burnham was born in Connecticut, and was there married, November 25, 1793, to Lydia Smith. Prior to 1820 he came with his wife and children to Ohio, locating in Union county, near the Champaign county line, and the journey to this state was made with teams and wagons. He here purchased a new and unimproved farm, and on the homestead which he improved he passed away in death in 1821, at the age of fifty-seven years, while his wife was called to her final rest in the following year, 1822, at the age of forty-nine years. Of their eight children, two sons and six daughters, all were

probably born in Connecticut, and were named as follows: Jacob; Zalenda, who became the wife of James Miller; Lorinda, who married Elba Burnham; Orilla, who became the wife of Sumner Payne; Juliette, who was married to John Reed; Lydia Ann, who was first married to Elias Hathaway and afterward to Samuel Woods; and Nancy M., who never married. All are now deceased.

Jacob Burnham, the eldest son in the above family, married Eliza Meachem, and afterward located on the old homestead farm with his brother Eliphas, where he remained until his death. The brothers carried on the work of the farm together during their life time. They were prommently and widely known throughout the county, and in business they sustained an enviable reputation, for in them were embraced the characteristics of unbending integrity, unabating energy and industry that never flagged. Unto Jacob and Eliza (Meachem) Burnham, were born four children,—Nicholas H.; Albert, deceased; Hiram G., deceased; and Eliza A., widow of Simeon D. Fairchild. Jacob Burnham, who was born on the 27th of October, 1794, died on the 23d of April, 1866, while his wife survived until August 30, 1886, passing away at the age of eighty-four years and three months. Both were members of the Woodstock Universalist church, in which they were active workers, and they exemplified its helpful teachings in their everyday lives. The father was a close Bible student, and during his life he read that sacred book through many times. He was a Whig in political matters until the formation of the Republican party, after which he gave a loyal support to its principles.

Eliphas Burnham married Lydia Meachem, a sister of Mrs. Jacob Burnham, their wedding being celebrated on the 3d of July, 1820, and their union was blessed with eight children, as follows: Betsey, who became the wife of George Thomas; Harvey; Andrew; Marcia, who married George Morse; Ralph; Dorcas; Lucas; and Jared. All are now de-

ceased with the exception of Andrew and Marcia. Mr. and Mrs. Burnham were also exemplary members of the Universalist church. The mother, who was born on the 14th of June, 1796, was called to the home beyond April 8, 1867, and the father died April 14, 1881. The same roof sheltered these brothers throughout nearly their entire lives, and through the passing years they gained the unqualified confidence and respect of their fellow men.

GEORGE A. WEAVER.

George A. Weaver is a representative of one of the old and pioneer families of Champaign county. He is a son of Lemuel W., who was born eight miles from Urbana, July 17, 1808, and died in this city on the 27th of January, 1890. The family is of German lineage and Henry W., the grandfather of our subject, was born in Berkeley county, Virginia. Later he became a resident of Lexington, Kentucky, and then removed to Ohio in 1802. In the latter part of 1813 the family came to Urbana, the city having been founded eight years before. Here Henry Weaver engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes until 1825, and then extended the field of his operations by dealing in general merchandise. He was tax collector for several years and was a prominent and influential man, whose efforts along commercial lines and in the up-building and progress of Urbana were most beneficial to the community. He died in 1872, after seventy years residence in Champaign county. His wife bore the maiden name of Nancy Chapman and was of English descent. She was born in New Jersey and was a daughter of William Chapman for whom Chapman's Creek in Champaign county was named, he having lived along that stream.

When twelve years of age Lemuel Weaver was a student in the

school conducted by Calvin Fletcher, afterwards a prominent and wealthy citizen of Indianapolis, Indiana. The last school which he attended was taught by Aquila Bolton, who later joined the Quaker community near Lebanon. In his youth Mr. Weaver became a clerk in his father's store and when the father withdrew in 1843 Mr. Weaver and his brothers, Jason and Simeon, continued the business with which he was connected for many years. In 1855 the partnership was dissolved and the following year Lemuel Weaver entered into business relations with his brother Simeon as a general merchant. When three or four years had passed he went to Concord, New Hampshire, but at the expiration of two years returned to Urbana and opened a hardware store, however, disposing of his interests in this enterprise several years prior to his death. His political support was given to the Whig party in early life, while later he became a Republican. In 1832 he was a delegate to the Whig convention which met at Washington, D. C., and nominated Henry Clay as a candidate for the presidency. In 1840 he gave his support to William Henry Harrison. He took an active interest in everything pertaining to the improvement and progress of his community and at one time was secretary and treasurer of the Mad River & Lake Erie Railroad, which is now part of the Big Four railroad system. On the 21st of August, 1841, Lemuel Weaver married Elizabeth G. Hoyt, of Urbana, who was born in Maine, in the year 1816, and died on the 3rd of May, 1874. Both Mr. and Mrs. Weaver were members of the Presbyterian church and were people of the highest respectability. Their influence was marked as promoters of general progress along intellectual and moral lines and Mr. Weaver contributed in a large measure to the material up-building of his community.

Of the five children born unto this worthy couple George A. Weaver of Urbana is the only one now living. His birth occurred in this city, May 22, 1842, and here he pursued his preliminary education, which was

supplemented by a course in Dartmouth College, in which he was graduated in 1863. He entered upon his business career in connection with his father, as a representative of merchandising interests, and afterward studied law, being admitted to the bar in 1869. He has not engaged in practice regularly, his attention being largely occupied by supervision of his real estate interests, which are extensive. He has also been identified with several extensive enterprises and is a man of resourceful business ability, who carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

In 1875 Mr. Weaver married Miss Eleanor E. Thomas of New York, and they have two children, both of whom are in college. Mrs. Weaver is a leader in social circles and their attractive home is celebrated for its cordial hospitality. Mr. Weaver is a Presbyterian in religious faith and in politics he is a Republican. Notably prompt, energetic and reliable in business matters, he has had marked influence upon the commercial progress of Urbana. In manner he is modest and unassuming, but from his friends he receives the recognition which is ever accorded to sterling worth and honor.

JOSEPH G. RUSSELL.

In glancing at the more salient points in the genealogical history of this able young member of the bar of Champaign county, we find that in the agnatic line he is descended from stanch English stock and that representatives of the name became identified with the annals of American history in the early colonial epoch, the original ancestors locating in the colony of Massachusetts early in the seventeenth century, while the name later became prominently identified with the history of the states of Pennsylvania and Virginia, our subject tracing his lineage back to Robert

Russell, who located in the Old Dominion in the year 1776. The name has ever stood for strong intellectuality, marked probity and intrinsic patriotism, and it is a matter of record that several members of the family rendered yeoman service in the Continental line during the war of the Revolution.

Joseph G. Russell, who is successfully engaged in the general practice of law in the city of Urbana, is a native of this place, where he was born on the 15th of September, 1875, the son of James M. and Elizabeth J. (McClellan) Russell. James M. Russell was born likewise in Champaign county, Ohio, the son of Aaron and Tamzon Russell, the former of whom was born in Culpeper county, Virginia, a son of William Russell, who also was a native of the Old Dominion and the son of James and Ann (Heath) Russell, the former of whom was a son of the Robert Russell, who located in Virginia in 1776. There are records extant which indicate that the first representative of the family in America came hither from England, settling in Salem. Later several members of the family took up their abode in Concord, that colony, and in one of the old cemeteries there may be found ancient tombs on which may still be deciphered the names of lineal and collateral branches of the family of which our subject is a member. From Massachusetts went forth representatives of the family into New York City and Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, from which county Robert Russell removed to Virginia, as has already been noted. Aaron Russell, the grandfather of our subject, came to Champaign county, Ohio, and settled in Concord township, where he devoted the remainder of his life to agricultural pursuits, developing a valuable farm and being recognized as one of the representative citizens of the county. His son James M. was reared on the homestead farm, and received his educational discipline in his native county. He was concerned in agriculture in his early manhood, but eventually took up his residence in Urbana, where he engaged in the dry-goods business, in which line he

continued operations for many years, being one of the leading merchants of the city and one of its most honored citizens. He is now living retired, after years of well directed and prolific effort as a business man. He went forth in defense of the Union during the war of the Rebellion, serving three years, as a member of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and having been lieutenant and adjutant in his company. He and his wife still maintain their home in Urbana, where their friends are in number as their acquaintances. Mrs. Russell was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, being the daughter of Joseph and Ann (Cunningham) McClellan, who removed from Reading to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where they lived for many years. The McClellan family is of Scotch extraction and was founded in Pennsylvania prior to the war of the Revolution. The subject of this review is one of two children, his sister, Ruth, being the wife of Charles E. Kennedy, of Urbana.

Joseph G. Russell was reared in his native city, and was graduated in the Urbana high school as a member of the class of 1893. He then began his technical reading of law, continuing his studies for one year in Urbana and then taking a course of one year in the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, following this by attending the Cincinnati Law School for an equal period. He was admitted to the bar in 1897, and was thereafter associated in practice with John J. Leedom, now deceased, for several years in Michigan. He has been engaged in practice at Urbana since his return and is known as one of the well qualified and successful young members of the bar of this section of the state. In politics Mr. Russell is a stalwart advocate of the principles of the Republican party, and he has been an active worker in its ranks. In December, 1900, he was elected president of the Young Men's Republican Club, of Urbana, and is still incumbent of this position. He is a member of no fraternal organizations, but is prominently identified

with the National Guard of Ohio, having been appointed sergeant-major of the Third Battalion of the Third Regiment, in April, 1901. He is a stockholder of the Urbana Baking Powder Company, of which he is vice-president.

MAJOR THOMAS McCONNELL.

All who have a just regard for the memory of those who have departed this life must cherish the details which go to make up the history of those whose careers have been marked by uprightedness and truth and whose lives have been filled with usefulness. In a work which has to do with those who have lived and wrought to goodly ends in Champaign county, it is incumbent that a memoir be entered to Major McConnell, who was a valiant and loyal soldier during the war of the Rebellion and who was known and honored as one of the representative business men of Urbana, where he maintained his home until his death, on the 30th of September, 1901. When he thus passed to his reward the community mourned the loss of one of its noble-hearted, public-spirited and loyal citizens, for he was held in the highest regard by all who knew him, and his acquaintanceship was wide in this section of the state, where he had maintained his home for so many years.

Major McConnell was born near Lebanon, Ohio, on the 18th of January, 1839, being a son of James McConnell, who was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, being of stanch Scotch-Irish lineage. There he was married to Eleanor Murray, who was born in that county, being likewise of Scotch-Irish extraction, and they came to Ohio in an early day, locating in Warren county, and thence removing to Champaign county, where the father devoted the residue of his life to agricultural pursuits, passing away at the age of about seventy years, while his wife

was about sixty-eight at the time of her demise. Both were devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church and were folks of the most sterling character. They became the parents of five sons and three daughters, all of whom attained years of maturity, the subject of this review having been the second in order of birth and the eldest son. He was a lad of seven years at the time when his parents came to Champaign county, and his early educational privileges were such as were afforded in the district schools of the early days. He continued at the parental home until the dark cloud of civil war obscured the national horizon, when he was among the first to show his intrinsic patriotism and loyalty, by tendering his services in support of the Union.

Upon the first call for troops, in 1861, Major McConnell enlisted as a private in Company K, Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of his term of enlistment, when he veteranized, in 1862, promptly re-enlisting and becoming a private in Company A, Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he was made a first lieutenant, later promoted to the office of captain and finally major of his regiment. He participated in many of the most notable battles of the war, having been in command of his regiment at the battle of Lookout Mountain and many other engagements, and having been identified with the entire Atlanta campaign. He was wounded at Chancellorsville, and for a time was confined in the hospitals at Lookout Mountain and Cincinnati, Ohio, and had it not been for the resultant disability he would have been made colonel of his regiment. Major McConnell served valiantly and honorably during practically the entire period of the war, and he received his honorable discharge on the 15th of July, 1865, after which he returned to Urbana, where he ever afterward maintained his home. In 1868 he was elected sheriff of Champaign county, and was incumbent of this office for a period of four years, at the expiration of which he engaged in the livery business in which he con-

tinued until his death, having built up a successful enterprise and having been one of the able business men of the city. In politics Major McConnell gave a stalwart support to the Republican party, in whose cause he was an active worker for many years, having been at one time a member of the state central committee. Fraternally he was one of the popular members of the Grand Army of the Republic, having held the various offices of his post, and he was also identified with the Loyal Legion, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church, and he was a member of the building committee which had control of the erection of the present church edifice in Urbana. He was very public-spirited and liberal and ever ready to give his aid and influence in support of all measures advanced for the general good of the community. He was a member of the soldiers' relief committee from the time of its organization, and knew every soldier in the county, his death being sincerely mourned by his old comrades.

On the 28th of June, 1866, Major McConnell was united in marriage to Miss Margaret McDonald, who was born in Urbana, on the 26th of January, 1843, the daughter of Colin and Nancy (McColloch) McDonald, the former of whom was born in Ross county, Ohio, and the latter in Zanesfield, Logan county. Mr. McDonald came to Urbana in an early day and was here for many years engaged in the general merchandise business, being one of the influential citizens of the county. He and his wife became the parents of five daughters and five sons, and it is a rather singular fact that the five daughters were born in succession and then the five sons, Mrs. McConnell having been the fifth child and fifth daughter. Three of her brothers and two of her sisters attained years of maturity, and of these all are still living save one.

Mrs. McConnell was reared in Urbana, in whose public schools she received her educational discipline, and here she has a wide circle of

friends many of whom she has known from her childhood days. She is a zealous worker in the Presbyterian church, of which she is a devoted member. By her marriage one son was born, George, who is a native son of Urbana, where he was born on the 1st of January, 1875. He completed a course of study in the high school and then entered the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, New York, where he completed a commercial course. In July, 1898, he became secretary and superintendent of the Urbana water-works, and has served in this position for nearly four years, while he also has the management of his mother's business interests. In politics he is a Republican and fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order and the Loyal Legion, being one of the popular and able young business men of Urbana.

In May, 1900, George McConnell was united in marriage to Miss Ida M. Stone, the daughter of S. L. P. and Julia (Geiger) Stone, of Urbana, where she was born, completing her education in the Urbana University.

ISAAC B. HAPPERSETT.

One of the representative citizens and capable officials of Champaign county is Isaac B. Happersett, who has been a resident of the county from his childhood days. Mr. Happersett is of stanch old Pennsylvania German stock and was the son of William and Elizabeth (Bruner) Happersett, who came from Lancaster county to Champaign county, Ohio, in the year 1836, locating in Urbana, where the father was a pioneer physician, here continuing in the successful practice of his profession until his death, which occurred in 1854. His widow is still living and maintains her home in Urbana. They became the parents of seven children, of whom only one is deceased.

Isaac B. Happersett secured his early educational training in the public schools of Urbana and here he learned the trade of carriage making, to which he devoted his attention for a period of about nine years, after which he entered into partnership with H. C. Hovey and was thereafter engaged in the grocery and meat business in this city for the long period of twenty-seven years, retiring from the same in the year 1887. He thereafter was in other business here for a short time and later devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits for a brief interval.

Mr. Happersett has ever been a stanch and uncompromising advocate of the principles of the Republican party and has been an active and efficient worker in the cause. In September, 1898, he was elected to the office of county commissioner and re-elected at the expiration of his term. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he has been for many years a member of Grace church, in Urbana, of which Mrs. Happersett also is a member. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In the year 1855 Mr. Happersett was united in marriage to Miss Martha F. Sampson, daughter of William Sampson, one of the early residents of Urbana.

ORA FAIRCHILD.

Among the loyal sons of Champaign county who went forth to battle for the Union in the war of the Rebellion was Ora Fairchild, and throughout his life he has manifested in the discharge of his duties of citizenship the same zeal that he displayed when on southern battlefields he followed the stars and stripes to victory. He well deserves mention in this volume among the representative men of this section, and it is with pleasure we present his life record to our readers.

Mr. Fairchild was born in Rush township, Champaign county, on

the 2d of July, 1834, and is a member of a prominent old Vermont family. His grandfather, Henry Fairchild, was born in that commonwealth, but about 1814, in company with two brothers, he came to Champaign county, Ohio, where he was among the early pioneers. He improved a farm in this county, and here resided for about forty years, after which he removed to Linn county, Iowa. Oris Fairchild, his son and the father of our subject, was also a native of the Green Mountain state, but when only six years of age he was brought by his parents to Ohio, the family locating in Rush township, and in its primitive log school house he received his early educational advantages. He was here married to Sarah Fish, a native also of Vermont, and she was about fifteen years of age when she accompanied her parents on their removal to Champaign county. This worthy couple became the parents of eight children, two sons and six daughters, of whom our subject is the eldest in order of birth, and his only brother, Simeon, died at sea, while returning from France, whither he had gone to purchase horses. The daughters of the family were: Susan, the wife of C. L. Winget; Percis, deceased; Laura, the widow of Lewis Funk; Elizabeth, the wife of S. Stickle; Cornelia, the wife of Dor Martin; and Fannie, who died at the age of sixteen years. The father of this family was called to the home beyond at the age of sixty-two years, but his wife survived until her eighty-second year.

Ora Fairfield of this review spent the days of his boyhood and youth youth in the place of his nativity, and he soon became familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. At the age of nineteen years he began work in a mill owned by his father, where he continued to labor for the following seven years. His labors, however, were interrupted at the outbreak of the Civil war, when he offered his services to his country. He became a member of Company H, Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served from October, 1861, until July 19, 1865, when he received an honorable discharge, but he im-

mediately re-enlisted in the same company and regiment and was promoted to the position of orderly sergeant. He was wounded in the back by a piece of shell at the battle of Chancellorsville in 1863. During his army career he participated in a number of important engagements, including the hard-fought battles of Port Republic, Cedar Mountain, Chancellorsville, Dumfries, Antietam and Gettysburg. At the last named engagement he fought for three days and nights, after which he was sent with his regiment to the defense of New York City, returning thence to Raccoon Ford and was next at Chattanooga. He was then sent with Sherman on his celebrated march to the sea, participating in the battle of Atlanta, and was at the grand review at Washington, at which time the starry banner floated over the capital of the southern confederacy and the preservation of the Union was an established fact. Throughout his entire service he was always found at his post of duty as a faithful defender of the Union cause.

In 1876 Mr. Fairchild was united in marriage to Lazetta McDonald, a native of Rush township, Champaign county, and a daughter of John and Philomel (Miller) McDonald, prominent early settlers of this locality. Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild are now living in quiet retirement at their pleasant home in Woodstock, our subject having laid aside the active cares of a business life and is now living in the enjoyment of the fruits of former toil. He is an active member of Harry Davis Post, No. 612, G. A. R., and in an earlier day was a constant attendant at its reunions. In his political views he is a Republican, standing firmly on the platform of his party, whose banner he has loyally upheld since attaining his majority. His first presidential vote was cast for Fremont, and he has never since missed an opportunity to support the principles of this grand old party. He well merits the friendship which is so freely accorded him, and his name is found on the roll of Champaign county's representative citizens.

MARCUS H. CRANE.

The stove foundry owned and operated by Morris & Crane has for years contributed to the industrial well being of Urbana, and is appreciated not only because of the excellence of its wares, but because of its extensive opportunity as an employment resource. Marcus H. Crane, the partner longest identified with the concern, and one of the progressive men of the community, was born in Caldwell, New Jersey, October 10, 1842. The family of which he is a member has long been associated with New Jersey, in which state the first representatives settled after emigrating from England to America, and where the parents of Mr. Crane, Xenus and Mary (Harrison) Crane, were born, married, and where they spent their entire lives.

As companions in his youth Mr. Crane had one brother and one sister, and the children were reared and educated in the public schools of Caldwell. During the progress of the Civil war he left the familiar surroundings of New Jersey and settled in Urbana, at the time being about twenty years of age. Of an ambitious and capable nature, he soon made his influence felt in business circles, and in time was enabled to purchase the stove foundry which has since been his absorbing care. For the first two years the enterprise was conducted under the firm name of Moore & Crane, but since then the success of the business has been rightfully credited to M. H. Crane & Co., the present proprietors.

The marriage of Mr. Crane and Effie Muzzy occurred in 1869, Mrs. Crane being a native of Springfield, Ohio. Of this union there have been born two children, Edgar M. and Frances, the former of whom is associated with his father in business, and is one of the promising young men of the town. Mr. Crane is politically a Republican, and has for eighteen years promoted the most intelligent educational projects, as a member of the school board. Fraternally he is associated with the Royal Arcanum, National Union, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Junior Order

Knights Templar. He is a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Crane enjoys to an exceptional degree the confidence and good-will of the community of which he is a notable acquisition, and his success is regarded as the natural result of well applied industry and fair dealing with the public.

CHARLES F. ORGAN.

Champaign county has been signally favored in the class of men who have been enlisted in her service in official capacity, and the subject of this sketch is one of the native sons of the county who is now incumbent of the position of clerk of the courts, in which he has handled the multifarious duties devolving upon him with signal ability and discrimination. As a representative of two of the pioneer families of the county, as well as by reason of his own standing as one of its honored citizens and officials, it is signally consistent that he be accorded specific mention in a work of the province assigned to this publication.

Charles F. Organ was born on a farm in Wayne township, this county, on the 12th of March, 1851, being a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Baldwin) Organ, the former of whom was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, the son of William and Grace (McBride) Organ, who were pioneers of the state. Samuel Organ came to Champaign county in an early day, and here reclaimed a fine farm property in Wayne township, being known as one of the sterling citizens of this section and commanding unequivocal confidence and esteem in the community. He died on the old homestead after having attained the venerable age of seventy-nine years. His wife was born in Virginia, whence her parents came to Champaign county in an early day, and here she ended her days. Samuel and Elizabeth Organ became the parents of five children, our subject having been the youngest in the family. He was reared on the old homestead, and after availing himself of such advantages as were afforded in the public

schools he became a student in the National Normal School, at Lebanon, Ohio, where he completed his scholastic discipline.

In the year 1886 Mr. Organ was united in marriage to Miss Mattie Weirman, who was born in this county, and he immediately afterward settled on a farm in Wayne township, where he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits and stock raising until 1894, when he was compelled to give up active labors in this line as the result of an unfortunate accident. He was thrown from a horse and received injuries which necessitated the amputation of his right leg. In 1896, as the candidate of the Republican party, of which he is a stanch supporter, Mr. Organ was elected to the office of clerk of courts for Champaign county, and was chosen as his own successor in this office in 1899, for a second term of three years, so that he is still in tenure of the office and is certain to so continue in case efficient and faithful service signify anything and he consents to appear as a candidate in the next election.

JOHN W. HITT.

The passing of many intervening years has not obliterated the impression of worth and stability lent by the career of John W. Hitt, one of the pioneers of Champaign county, and extensively identified with its agricultural and milling interests. Of southern ancestry, he was born in Kentucky in 1801, and died in Urbana in 1877. His childhood was passed in a home atmosphere calculated to develop the best traits of his character, for industry and morality were among the watch-words of the humble Kentucky fireside. His father, Rev. Samuel Hitt, was also a native of the Bourbon state, and combined, during his active life, farming and preaching.

Mr. Hitt studied in the schools of Kentucky and after removing to the vicinity of Urbana acquired large landed possessions, at one time

owning a thousand acres. About 1857 he embarked upon a milling business which proved a dire failure and swallowed up about all that he had in the world, after which he ran a mill at the water-works station for several years, with much more gratifying results. This mill was subsequently traded for farm property near Washington, Indiana, and after a two years' residence thereon he located in Urbana, where the remainder of his life was spent in comparative retirement. He married Elizabeth Clark, a native of either Virginia or Maryland, and who bore him the following children: William, Anna, Elizabeth, John W., Rebecca, Daniel, Thomas, and James B. Of these, William, Anna and John W. are deceased. Mr. Hitt was a Republican in political affiliations, and he was always interested in the spread of the teachings of the Methodist Episcopal church. In fact his zeal in that direction constituted one of his chief interests during his lifetime, his eloquence as a local preacher being both convincing and logical. He led a consistent life and one worthy of emulation from many standpoints.

James B. Hitt the youngest of the children of John W., was born on the paternal farm, which is now in the city limits of Urbana, in 1848. His youth was uneventfully passed in performing his share of the home duties, and in attendance at the district schools. An opening into broader fields was presented during the presidential administration of Grant, at which time he acted as deputy postmaster, his brother, Daniel, having been appointed postmaster. For a time also he was employed as clerk for Hitt & Fuller, and in 1879 was again associated with his brother Daniel, this time in the tobacco business. This arrangement was amicably continued for many years, and in 1886 the business was carried on under the name of the Indian Cigar Company, with a branch at Indianapolis, Indiana. A liberal patronage rewarded the untiring efforts of the brothers, and an increasing demand for their wares warranted continual enlargements of their business. In 1901 Daniel Hitt removed permanently to Indianapolis to assume charge of the plant at that end of

the line, while James B. Hitt took as his partner William E. Kidder. The enterprise has assumed most gratifying proportions, and the firm here do a large manufacturing business, and sell to jobbers, dealing extensively in leaf tobacco and first-class cigars.

In 1886 Mr. Hitt married Elizabeth Valentine, daughter of Joseph T. Valentine, of Reading, Pennsylvania. Of this union there are two children, Morris and Elenore. Mr. Hitt is a stanch Republican, and has done his best to advance the most liberal and praiseworthy tenets of his party. For two terms he served as city councilman, and has held other offices of trust and responsibility. Fraternally he is a Knight Templar, and a charter member of Champaign Lodge No. 3.

MAJOR GEORGE W. HUPP.

Of fine Old Dominion ancestry, Major George W. Hupp, whose rank was gained through connection with the Ohio state militia, and who for years has been one of the prime developers of Champaign county, was born near Newmarket, in the historic Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, February 22, 1833. When eighteen years of age, after the death of his father, he emigrated with his mother to Ohio and settled on Mad River in Champaign county, where the family engaged in farming for fifteen years. On the maternal side of the house a remarkable strain of longevity has been evinced, for the mother lived to be one hundred and five years old, and Mr. Hupp himself bids fair to retain his health and mental vigor far beyond the allotted or even expected time.

Upon leaving the well developed farm on Mad River Mr. Hupp learned the cabinet-makers trade in Urbana, having completed which he located in Mechanicsburg as a possibly more desirable field for the exercise of his trade, and with the exception of a few years spent on his farm just west of the town, has made this his permanent abiding place. As a furniture manufacturer he worked up a large and remunerative

trade, and the work in that line accomplished under his capable supervision gained a reputation for strength, durability and all-around utility. Several years ago he availed himself of a favorable opportunity to retire from active participation in business affairs, and at the time his son, Otway C., succeeded to the management of the substantially erected enterprise. Three years ago the elder man withdrew entirely and left his son in absolute control of the cabinet interests.

May 21, 1835, Major Hupp married Margaret Millice, who died December 30, 1843. July 15, 1844, he married Mary J. Guthridge, who died January 12, 1889. Of the first marriage there were two children, George W. and Abner C., and of the second marriage there were born five children, Llewellyn J., Albert G., Otway C., Oscar B. and Nettie. Mr. Hupp is a Republican in national politics, and he has been connected with the Masonic fraternity for many years. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and during his long life has substantially contributed towards its charities and general support. Of unswerving integrity and great good sense, he has been an important factor in many avenues of development, and the esteem created during the earlier part of his business career has increased in strength with the passing of years.

Otway C. Hupp, successor to his father in the cabinet-making business, was born in Mechanicsburg, September 16, 1851, and was educated in the public schools, eventually graduating from the Marysville high-school. His earlier life was spent amid the practical surroundings of the paternal farm, and in 1881 he married Lulu, daughter of Ancel Bates, a native of Champaign county. Of this union there have been born two children, Walter F. and Dollie R. Mr. Hupp, like his forefathers, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is an official, and in the cause of which he is an earnest worker. Politically he is a Republican, and is fraternally connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

ROBERT B. DIBBLE.

One of the younger business men of the city of North Lewisburg is Robert B. Dibble, whose energy, sagacity and industry enable him to fill a very important position, while his integrity of character commands the respect of all. As the mayor of the city he is also active in administering its affairs and is widely recognized as a Republican leader who has labored earnestly for the success of the party.

In the early settlement of this country, before the Revolution, England had made several grants of land to parties, one of which was to William Penn, as history gives it, and these were recognized by the government when peace was declared and have never been taxable. William Penn in turn gave a deed of sixty acres of land to one of our subject's ancestors, who was the father of three sons, one of whom died unmarried and one of the remaining became the great-great-grandfather of our subject and heir to one-half of the sixty acre tract. This now lies in the heart of the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and during the grandfather's lifetime was valued at seventy million dollars. There has never been a legal deed of the property since the one issued by William Penn to the Richardson ancestors. The paternal great-great-grandfather of our subject was given the ancestral name of Levi, and he was killed in the state of New York. While assisting in the building of an abutment for a bridge across a gulley a stone became unmanageable and fell upon him, killing him instantly. His son and the grandfather of Robert B. also bore the name of Levi, and was born January 2, 1781, and his death occurred in November, 1855. By his first marriage he became the father of the following children: Lyman, Luman, Levi, Calvin, Alsina and Melissa. Alsina died when young, and after the death of the mother of these children the father married Elizabeth Hammon, by whom he had four children,—Julia, Bela, Amson and Bosworth.

Bosworth Dibble, the father of our subject, was a native of Essex county, New York, born April 14, 1828, died June 22, 1900, but when two years of age, in 1830, was brought by his parents to Granville, Ohio. He married Vestalina Richardson, a sister of Dr. Richardson, of Summerville, Ohio. On the maternal side our subject traces his ancestry back to three brothers who came from England to America on the Mayflower, one locating in New York, one in Virginia and one in Pennsylvania; and from the Pennsylvania branch he is descended. His great-grandfather Conent answered the general call for volunteers to defend the city of Buffalo against the English and Indians, who threatened its destruction. He was then an old, gray-haired man and with others of the same age they formed the company known as the "Silver Grays." The British and their allies, however, won the day, and Mr. Conent was taken as a prisoner into Canada, where he remained for three months, and during that time his family knew not whether he was dead or alive. During an engagement a rifle ball struck him about the center of the forehead, and, glancing over, made a severe scalp wound which never afterward healed. Our subject's great-grandfather, James Richardson, married Margaret Bell. The grandfather, Richard S. Richardson, was born on the 11th of May, 1794, and his death occurred November 24, 1863. In 1815 he was united in marriage to Susan Conent, who was born October 2, 1798, and died on the 12th of February, 1871. They became the parents of eleven children, nine of whom grew to years of maturity, namely: Robert B., William, John, Jackson A., R. Lafe, Margaret, Liza, Louisa and Vestalina, the last named being the mother of our subject. Richard S. Richardson served as a fifer during the war of 1812.

Robert B. Dibble, the immediate subject of this review, is the sixth in order of birth of his parents' seven children and was born where he is now located, in Ohio City, June 11, 1869. His elementary education was received in the common schools of Van Wert county, and

after completing his studies therein he was for a time engaged in the profession of teaching. Later he entered the Ohio Normal University, at Ada, in which he was graduated in the pharmacy department on the 3d of May, 1892, and for two years thereafter was engaged in the drug business at Van Buren, Indiana, after which he returned to the Buckeye state. Since 1898 he has been engaged in the drug business at North Lewisburg, and in trade circles he is esteemed for his ability and genuine worth. He was recently appointed mayor of North Lewisburg, to fill a vacancy caused by the removal of Mayor Hawkins, and on the 7th of April, 1902, he was elected to that office. Every trust reposed in him, whether of a public or private nature, has been fully discharged and he has proved himself in all the relations of life an earnest, honest, upright man and a citizen of whom any community might be justly proud.

On the 1st of January, 1893, Mr. Dibble was united in marriage to Mattie Mapes, one of the six daughters of S. R. Mapes, who is now a resident of Ohio City, Ohio. Two sons have been born unto this union,—Gallard R. and Dewey M. In his political relations Mr. Dibble is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and politically he is a stanch Republican. He has served as a member of the school board, and is active in all works for the betterment of his fellow men.

GEORGE W. POLAND.

George W. Poland has been a practitioner at the Champaign county bar since 1877, and makes his home in Urbana. He was born in Shelby county, Ohio, in 1852. His father, R. C. Poland, was a native of Virginia and of English lineage, and died when our subject was twelve or fourteen years of age. By profession he was an attorney and became

very successful, having a large clientage. He was also prominent and active in public affairs and was a member of the Ohio legislature in 1850 and 1851, representing Shelby county. The mother of our subject was of Pennsylvania Dutch descent and bore the name of Eleanor McConnell. The subject of this review was reared in Greene county, Ohio, and pursued his elementary education in the public schools and later attended Xenia College. His literary course having been completed, he then began preparation for the profession which he determined to make his life work, and matriculated in the law school of Ann Arbor University, in which he was graduated in the fall of 1876. The following year he was admitted to the Ohio bar and has since been engaged in general practice, opening an office in Urbana, where he has gradually advanced to a position prominent in the ranks of the legal fraternity. His mind is analytical and inductive, and in reasoning he is strong, in argument forceful and in the presentation of his cases shows a thorough mastery of the subject. Much important litigation has been entrusted to him and he has won a large majority of decisions favorable to his clients. Since 1898 he has served as referee in bankruptcy for the district of Champaign county, Ohio.

Mr. Poland was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Purtlebaugh, a daughter of W. A. Purtlebaugh, an attorney, and they have three children: Will, who is a job printer; Sarah E., the wife of Howard B. Donaldson, of Sherin, Pennsylvania; and Bessie M. Mr. Poland gives his political support to the Republican party, being a stanch advocate of its principles. He is also connected with the Knights of Pythias fraternity and for twenty years has been master of exchequer. All of the offices of the lodge have been filled by him and he has been a representative to the grand lodge. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, and the members of the family occupy an enviable position in social circles.

JOSEPH COULSON.

Joseph Coulson was for many years a distinguished and representative citizen of Urbana. He was born in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, December 25, 1817, and died in this city August 4, 1891. His parents were Patrick and Elizabeth (LeCompte) Coulson. The latter was of French descent, while the former was born in Ireland and served as an officer in the British army before coming to America. About 1822 Mr. and Mrs. Coulson removed to Ohio, settling in Greene county, and when their son was thirteen years of age they went to Fairfield county. There Joseph Coulson in his boyhood days formed the acquaintance of a maiden who later was to become his wife. Her name was Maria Compton and she was born in Fairfield, May 25, 1818, her parents being Aaron and Sarah (Casad) Compton, of New Jersey. The wedding was celebrated March 1, 1814, and for five years after their marriage they resided in Fairfield, coming thence to Urbana. Here Mr. Coulson engaged in carpentering for a short time, but in 1847 established a grocery store, which he conducted with signal success until 1884, being one of the leading, honored and prosperous merchants of the city. In late years he was president of the Perpetual Savings and Building Association. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Coulson were born the following children: Sarah Elizabeth, the wife of Albert Slagel, of Springfield, Ohio; Laura J., the wife of James Cheetham, of Urbana; Amanda C., who married Colin McDonald, of Urbana; and Carrie, who died at the age of thirty-four years. In his political views Mr. Coulson was first a Whig and on the dissolution of the party became a Republican. Eventually, however, he severed his allegiance with that political organization and became a Prohibitionist. He held membership in the Wesleyan Methodist church,

to which his wife also belongs. His life was busy, useful and honorable, and throughout his career he commanded the respect of his fellowmen by his firm allegiance to manly principles.

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